



PATIENT SAFETY TOOL BOX TALKS®

EFFECTIVE CARE & SUPPORT

END OF LIFE CARE

INTRODUCTION

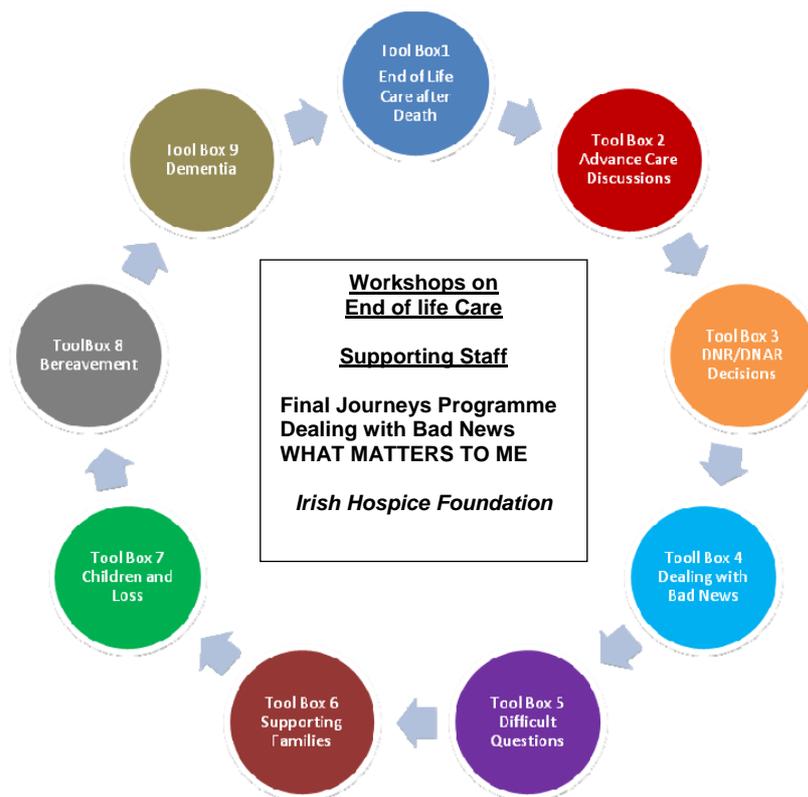


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The motto of the Irish Hospice Foundation is “Living to the End”.

Good end of life care must be about quality of days, enabling each person to live each day until they die. This set of resources is an introduction and does not deal with the specific clinical aspects of care; it gives pointers to where you may be able to locate more information. It may also draw your attention to areas where further training may be required.

It acknowledges that the provision of good end of life care presents many challenges for staff at what is a sad and difficult time for a person and their families. These Tool boxes aim to support staff and provide guidance in looking after a person and their family as they approach the end of their life. How we care for a person at the end of their life absolutely impacts on them but it also has an impact on the family at that time and in their bereavement after that person has died. A whole person approach demands a whole team approach and we believe good end of life care is everybody's job.



These toolbox talks draw on the belief that end of life care is everybody's job. HSE Domains of Competence for Palliative Care now exist for most healthcare professions.

1. The Principles of palliative care
2. Communication
3. Optimizing comfort and quality of life.
4. Care planning and collaborative practice
5. Loss, grief and bereavement
6. Professional and ethical practice in the context of palliative care

Useful websites

www.irishhospicefoundation.ie

www.hospicefriendlyhospitals.net

All Ireland Institute for Palliative Care Email: info@aiihpc.org,
www.dyingmatters.org.uk

Final Journeys staff development programme

Resources HFH Competence and Compassion – End of Life Care Map
 HFH End of Life Resource Folder
 HFH/HSE Hospice Friendly Quality Standards for End of Life
 HSE/AIIHPC/IHF/IAPC Palliative Care Competence Framework
 HSE Inter- Cultural Guide