

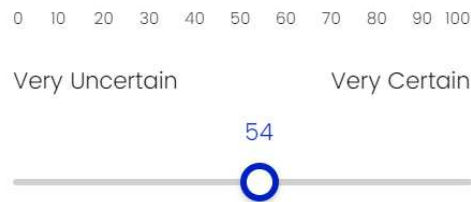
## Supplemental Material 2.

### 'No Conversation Too Tough'

#### Self-Efficacy Questionnaire

Thinking about patients whose cancer cannot be cured, and who have a poor or uncertain prognosis, or whose life expectancy is short.

Below are statements about how certain you are that you can successfully provide support. Please rate your response on a scale of 0-100, with 0 being Very uncertain and 100 being Very certain.



Please write down a number (0-100) in the table below.

Thinking specifically about *having a conversation* with a patient who has dependent children.

How certain are you that you have the skills to ...	Response (0 = Very uncertain, 100 = Very certain)
... create a comfortable setting in which a patient can speak openly about their family.	
... initiate a discussion with a patient about their family circumstances?	
... ask a patient directly if they have dependent children?	
... ask questions that will encourage a patient to talk about how their children are feeling and coping?	
... ask questions that will encourage a patient to talk to you about their concerns for their children?	
... close a conversation with a patient who has concerns about their children?	

Thinking now about *responding* to what a patient has told you about their dependent children.

How certain are you that you have the skills to ...	Response (0 = Very uncertain, 100 = Very certain)
... listen and respond in a way that will encourage a patient to talk about their feelings in respect of their children?	
... use empathic supportive comments (not sympathy) with a patient when talking about their children?	
... encourage a patient to tell you if they would like help to support their children?	
... support a patient if they get upset while talking about their children?	

Now thinking about *managing your own emotions* when talking to a patient about their dependent children.

How certain are you that you can manage your own emotions ...	Response (0 = Very uncertain, 100 = Very certain)
... about initiating a conversation with a patient about their children's well-being?	
... while having a conversation with a patient about their children?	
... while having a conversation with a patient about the need to talk openly with their children about death and dying?	
... when you are off duty, having previously had a conversation with a patient about their children?	

Finally, thinking about the *knowledge* you have about patients and their dependent children.

How certain are you that you can discuss with a patient ...	Response (0 = Very uncertain, 100 = Very certain)
... how children can be affected by losing a parent through cancer that can't be cured?	
... how children's needs for information and support vary depending on their age?	
...the problems faced by parents with dependent children when a parent is dying?	
...the best time for a parent to receive help to support their children?	
... information resources that might help a parent to support their children?	