

Supplemental Material 3.

'No Conversation Too Tough'

Outcome Expectancies Questionnaire

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

We'd like to know what you think might be the outcome of having a conversation with a patient about their dependent children.

The following pages contain statements about your expectations.

For each, please circle your response on a score of 1 to 9 where:

1 = Very likely and 9 = Very unlikely.

Please note: this scale runs in the opposite direction to that in the previous questionnaire.

How likely is it that ...
... you would be helping a patient if you talk to them about their children? <i>Very likely - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - Very unlikely</i>
... a patient will become distressed and upset if you ask about their children? <i>Very likely - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - Very unlikely</i>
... it will damage the way a patient copes if you ask them about their children? <i>Very likely - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - Very unlikely</i>
... you will get too close to a patient if you ask about their feelings or concerns for their children? <i>Very likely - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - Very unlikely</i>
... your workload will become unmanageable if you ask a patient about their children? <i>Very likely - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - Very unlikely</i>
... you will be criticised by your colleagues if a patient becomes upset when you talk to them about their children? <i>Very likely - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - Very unlikely</i>
... you will keep control of the conversation if a patient becomes upset whilst talking about their children? <i>Very likely - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - Very unlikely</i>

... you could say something that will make matters worse for your patient if you try to talk to them about their children?
<i>Very likely</i> - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - <i>Very unlikely</i>
... asking a patient about their concerns will help you identify what may be helpful?
<i>Very likely</i> - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - <i>Very unlikely</i>
... a patient will raise concerns/feeling about their children without you asking?
<i>Very likely</i> - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - <i>Very unlikely</i>
... if a patient shows strong emotions when talking about their children, it will be overwhelming for you?
<i>Very likely</i> - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - <i>Very unlikely</i>
... you will feel down if you ask a patient about their children?
<i>Very likely</i> - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - <i>Very unlikely</i>
... there will not be enough support available to you if you need to reflect on the difficulties you experience when talking with a patient about their children?
<i>Very likely</i> - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - <i>Very unlikely</i>
... you will have colleagues who you can go to if you need emotional support after talking to a patient about their children?
<i>Very likely</i> - 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - <i>Very unlikely</i>

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMPLETING THE PRE-TRAINING QUESTIONNAIRES