





4.4 - GSF Clinical Skills Training Programme

| GSF Programme Learning outcome | Content of session & activities | Core Units | Core Qualification Learning outcome | Assessment Criteria |
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| Session 1 Frailty 1. To understand and reflect on what frailty is? 2. To understand and reflect on what problems may occur? 3. To understand and reflect on what can be done and who else can help? | Clinical scenario & reflection Key clinical facts Identifying frailty & frailty syndromes Assessment Prevention, management & treatment Activities Reflect on presented scenario Knowledge questions Reflection of own practice Action planning Evidence | EOL 302 | Understand the effects of symptoms in relation to end of life care. Be able to manage symptoms of end of life care. Be able to integrate symptom management in the care management process. | 1.1 Identify a range of conditions where you might provide end of life care. 1.2 Identify common symptoms associated with end of life care. 1.3 Explain how symptoms can cause an individual distress and discomfort. 1.4 Evaluate the significance of the individual's own perception of their symptoms. 2.1 Demonstrate a range of techniques to provide symptom relief. 2.2 Describe own role in supporting therapeutic options used in symptom relief. 2.4 Actively support the comfort and wellbeing in end of life care. 4.1 Explain how symptom management is an important part of the care planning process. |
| Session 2 Depression, Delirium & Dementia 1. To understand and reflect on what Depression is? 2. To understand and reflect on what problems may occur? | For each of the conditions the session includes Clinical Scenario & reflection Key clinical facts Assessment Management options End of life issues Triage | EOL 308 | Understand considerations for individuals with dementia at end of life. Understand how to support individuals with dementia affected by pain and distress at end of life. | Outline in what ways dementia can be a terminal illness. Explain why it is important that end of life care for an individual with dementia must be person-centred. Explain why pain in individuals with dementia is often poorly recognised and undertreated. Describe ways to assess whether an individual with dementia is in pain or distress. |







| 3. To understand and reflect on what can be done and who else can help? | Activities Reflect on presented scenario Knowledge questions Reflection of own practice Action planning Evidence | | 3. Understand how to support carers of individuals with dementia at end of life. | 2.3 Describe ways to support individuals with dementia to manage their pain and distress at end of life using. Medication Non medication techniques 3.3 Describe how others caring for individuals with dementia may experience loss and grief. 3.4 Describe ways of supporting carers when difficult decisions need to be made for individuals with dementia at end of life. Give examples of how to support carers and others to support an individual with dementia in the final stages of their life. |
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| Session 3 | 3a | EOL 302 | 1. Understand the effects of | 1.1 Identify a range of conditions where you |
| Organ Failure | Clinical scenario & reflectionDefinition of Heart failure | | symptoms in relation to end of life care. | might provide end of life care. 1.2 Identify common symptoms associated with |
| 1. To understand and | Key clinical facts | | | end of life care. 1.3 Explain how symptoms can cause an |
| reflect on what heart failure is? | AssessmentSymptom control | | | individual distress and discomfort. |
| To understand and reflect on what problems may occur? | General management including medications, lifestyle End of life care and heart failure | | | 1.4 Evaluate the significance of the individual's own perception of their symptoms. |
| 3. To understand and | 3b | | 2. Be able to manage | 2.1 Demonstrate a range of techniques to |
| reflect on what can be done and who else | Clinical scenario & reflectionDefinition of Respiratory failure | | symptoms of end of life care. | provide symptom relief. 2.2 Describe own role in supporting therapeutic |
| can help? | Key clinical facts | | | options used in symptom relief.2.4 Actively support the comfort and wellbeing in |
| | AssessmentSymptom control | | | end of life care. |
| | General management including medications, lifestyle | | 4. Be able to integrate | 4.1 Explain how symptom management is an |
| | End of life care and respiratory | | symptom management in the care management | important part of the care planning process. 4.3 Report changes in symptoms according to |
| | failure | | process. | policies and procedures in own work setting. |







| | Clinical scenario & reflection Definition of renal failure Key clinical facts Assessment Symptom control General management including medications, lifestyle End of life care and renal failure Activities Reflect on presented scenario Knowledge questions Reflection of own practice Action planning Evidence | | | 4.4 Support the implementation of changes in the care plan. |
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| Session 4 Neurological Disorders 4a 1. To understand and reflect on what a CVA/TIA is? 2. To understand and reflect on what problems may occur? 3. To understand and reflect on what can be done and who else can help? | 4a CVA/Stroke/TIA Clinical Scenario & reflection Key clinical facts Assessment Management options Physical issues & medication Social & psychological issues Triage End of life care issues | EOL 302 | 1. Understand the effects of symptoms in relation to end of life care. 2. Be able to manage symptoms of end of life care. | 1.1 Identify a range of conditions where you might provide end of life care. 1.2 Identify common symptoms associated with end of life care. 1.3 Explain how symptoms can cause an individual distress and discomfort. 1.4 Evaluate the significance of the individual's own perception of their symptoms. 2.1 Demonstrate a range of techniques to provide symptom relief. 2.2 Describe own role in supporting therapeutic options used in symptom relief. 2.4 Actively support the comfort and wellbeing in end of life care. |







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- To understand and reflect on what is Parkinson's disease?
- 2. To understand and reflect on what problems may occur?
- 3. To understand and reflect on what can be done and who else can help?

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- To understand and reflect on what is Motor Neurone disease and Multiple Sclerosis?
- 2. To understand and reflect on what problems may occur?
- 3. To understand and reflect on what can be done and who else can help?

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Parkinson's Disease

- Clinical Scenario & reflection
- Key clinical facts
- Assessment
- Management options
- Physical issues & medication
- Social & psychological issues
- Triage
- End of life care issues

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Motor Neurone Disease & Multiple Sclerosis

- Clinical Scenario & reflection
- Key clinical facts
- Assessment
- Management options
- Physical issues & medication
- Social & psychological issues
- Triage
- End of life care issues

Activities

- Reflect on presented scenario
- Knowledge questions
- Reflection of own practice
- Action planning

Evidence

- 4. Be able to integrate symptom management in the care management process.
- 4.1 Explain how symptom management is an important part of the care planning process.
- 4.3 Report changes in symptoms according to policies and procedures in own work setting.
- 4.4 Support the implementation of changes in the care plan.







| Session 5 Pain 1. To understand and reflect what is Pain? 2. To understand and reflect what problems may occur? 3. To understand and reflect what can be done and who else can help? | Clinical Scenario & reflection Key clinical facts Assessment & useful tools Pain in people with dementia Management options Medication & other interventions End of life care issues Triage Activities Reflect on presented scenario Knowledge questions Reflection of own practice Action planning | EOL 306 | 2. Understand how to respond to common symptoms in the last days of life 3. Be able to support individuals and others during the last days of life. | 2.1 Be able to support individuals and others during the last days of life describe the common signs of approaching death. 2.2 Explain how to minimise the distress of symptoms related to the last days of life. 2.3 Describe appropriate comfort measures in the final hours of life. 3.1 Demonstrate a range of ways to enhance an individual's wellbeing during the last days of life. 3.2 Work in partnership with others to support the individual's wellbeing. 3.3 Describe how to use a range of tools for end of life care according to agreed ways of working. |
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| Session 6 Care of the dying person 1. To understand & reflect what end of life care is. 2. To understand & reflect what problems may occur. 3. To understand & reflect what can be done & who else can help. | Clinical Scenario & reflection Key clinical facts Assessment & useful tools Signs & symptoms Psychological assessment Non-physical pain Spiritual needs Management & treatment of symptoms Medication & other interventions Communication with the family Triage Activities Reflect on presented scenario Knowledge questions Reflection of own practice Action planning | EOL 302 | Understand the effects of symptoms in relation to end of life care. Be able to manage symptoms of end of life care. | Identify a range of conditions where you might provide end of life care. Identify common symptoms associated with end of life care. Explain how symptoms can cause an individual distress and discomfort. Evaluate the significance of the individual's own perception of their symptoms. Demonstrate a range of techniques to provide symptom relief. Describe own role in supporting therapeutic options used in symptom relief. Respond to an individual's culture and beliefs in managing their symptoms. Actively support the comfort and wellbeing in end of life care. |







| Evidence | | 4. Be able to integrate symptom management in the care management process. | 2.5 Recognise symptoms that identify the last few days of life may be approaching. 4.1 Explain how symptom management is an important part of the care planning process. 4.2 Regularly monitor symptoms associated with end of life care. 4.3 Report changes in symptoms according to policies and procedures in own work setting. 4.4 Support the implementation of changes in the care plan. |
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| | EOL 307 | Understand common features of support during the last days of life. | 1.1 Describe the common signs of approaching death.1.2 Define the circumstances when life-prolonging treatment can be stopped or withheld. |
| | | 2. Understand the impact of the last days of life on the individual and others. | 2.1 Describe the possible psychological aspects of the dying phase for the individual and others. 2.2 Explain the impact of the last days of life on the relationships between individuals and others. 2.3 Outline possible changing needs of the individual during the last days of life. |
| | | 3. Know how to support individuals and others during the last days of life. | 3.1 Describe a range of ways to enhance an individual's wellbeing during the last days of life. 3.2 Explain the importance of working in partnership with key people to support the individual's wellbeing during the last days of life. |

Appendix Summary of GSF Clinical Skills programme/end of life core unit criteria mapping