Primary Care Evidence

Primary care End of Life care for GSF Accredited GP practices The first ten practices that undertook GSF Going for Gold training in primary care and progressed to GSF RCGP Accreditation showed significant improvement in key processes in End of Life Care as recognised by NICE Guidance and best practice. This trend has been continued three years on following annual appraisal.

1. earlier identification rates of patients in the last year of life, (average 0.54%) (with a range of 30-60%) ie half of all those who died included on the register, which is well above the national average of a quarter of all patients identified
2. increased non-cancer patients on their register (18%-47%), increased numbers of care homes residents (22%- 40%)
3. efforts to increase the numbers offering and recording advance care planning discussions showed significant increases with an average of 46% (range 26%- 62%) ie about half of all patients on the register offered ACP discussions
4. greatly improved systematic carer support offered (17%- 72%)
5. more dying in their preferred place of care(44%- 59%), with some halving hospital deaths

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