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Does simulation have a role in palliative medicine specialty training?

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This article describes how in the Yorkshire and Humber Deanery a simulation training day was set up for Palliative Medicine specialty trainees, to assess their knowledge and develop the skills required to deal with acute medical emergencies, as described in the specialty training curriculum for palliative medicine.

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Use of high-fidelity simulation to improve communication skills regarding death and dying: a qualitative study

1. A Hawkins, Woking and Sam Beare Hospices 2. K Tredgett, Prospect Hospice, Swindon

This paper gives an insight into the use of simulation in training for medical students and Palliative Medicine trainees. It is clear the training was valued and there are some tips on how to run such training.

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Somatostatin Analogues Compared With Placebo and Other Pharmacologic Agents in the Management of Symptoms of Inoperable Malignant Bowel Obstruction: A Systematic Review

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There has been a lot of debate about the use of these drugs recently. This is a great starting point for those interested. The implications for future research section is worth reading for anyone who is thinking about doing any further work in the area.

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