



The Medical **Bulletin**

Communication Skill

Art of breaking the sad news in the hospital

Informing the family members about the sudden death of their loved one is a highly stressful experience for the treating doctors. Breaking the bad news to the bereaved family needs special skill on the part of the clinicians. An elaborate, step-wise modified action plan for breaking the sad news and grief reduction is to be in place for every hospital. Inclusion of this subject into the undergraduate medical curriculum has to be considered. By doing so, we can look forward to produce junior doctors who are better at coping with this awkward but extremely important aspect of clinical medicine.

For details refer: Naik SB. Death in the hospital: Breaking the bad news to the bereaved family. Indian J Crit Care Med 2013; 17:178-81.

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