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The latest resources from a range of organisations, journals and web sites. If you have any ideas or feedback on what would be useful for future bulletins, please get in touch: Sue – sue.langley@each.org.uk



1. Article: How to undertake oral medicine dosage calculations

This 'How To' article details the preparation and procedure required to undertake a medicine dosage calculation for oral tablets, capsules or liquid preparations. It provides details on the 15 steps in safely administering a medication at the right dosage to the right patient and provides examples of medicines calculations.

Pritchard A (2026) How to undertake oral medicine dosage calculations. *Nursing Standard*. doi: 10.7748/ns.2026.e12636

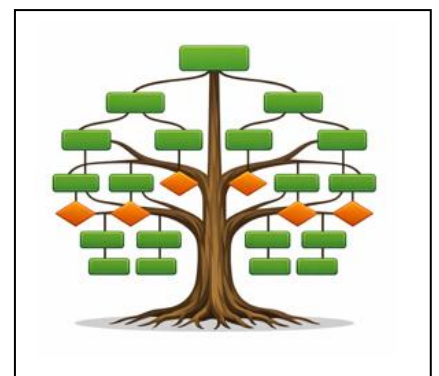
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2. Article: Using decision trees to enhance pain assessment in people with learning disabilities and complex communication needs

The article examines how decision trees – structured tools that guide clinical reasoning through a sequence of branching questions can be incorporated into nursing practice to improve pain assessment in people with learning disabilities. It also covers clinical reasoning, multidisciplinary team collaboration and advocacy.

Simpson, C.M. and Genders, N., 2025. Using decision trees to enhance pain assessment in people with learning disabilities and complex communication needs. *Learning Disability Practice*, 28(6).

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3. Article: Mapping potential cultural and religious tensions in end-of-life care for Muslim patients: A scoping review

This Dutch study looked at the healthcare literature worldwide to understand more about the tensions that exist at end of life for Muslims living in European countries and the US. Three principal themes were identified where religious-cultural ethical differences contribute to such tensions: (1) end-of-life communication; (2) spiritualising pain; and (3) treatment withholding and

withdrawal. It recommends better collaboration with Muslim communities, including mosques and other grassroots organisations. The research looked at adult end of life care, but the themes and findings could also be transferred to children's end of life care.

Muishout, G., Post, L., El Ayachi, S., Ket, J.C. and van Zuylen, L., Mapping potential cultural and religious tensions in end-of-life care for Muslim patients: A scoping review. *Palliative Medicine*, p.02692163251407877.

[Access here](#)

4. Article: Managing medicine related secondary constipation in people with learning disabilities

People with learning disabilities are more likely to experience constipation than those without learning disabilities and is particularly the case for those with profound and multiple learning disabilities. The article discusses the anatomy of the gastrointestinal tract, the pathophysiology of constipation and some of the commonly prescribed medicines which can cause secondary constipation. A multiple choice quiz on the topic is also available.

Douglass E, Wilson P (2025) Managing medicine-related secondary constipation in people with learning disabilities. *Learning Disability Practice*. doi: 10.7748/ldp.2025.e2289

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5. Webinar: Exploring grief in Minecraft

A free webinar was held in early February from the counselling staff at Kemp Adult Hospice, talking about the way they're using Minecraft when working with individual children and young people.



"Using Minecraft as a therapeutic tool has transformed our way of working with children and young people. We as therapists are able to step into an environment created by our young clients; their own virtual world in which they can share and express their emotions in a creative way."

The session was recorded and practitioners are invited to request a recording: Registration link:

https://elliefinch.thinkific.com/products/live_events/exploring-grief

6. Blog - Discussion piece: Healthcare staff attending child patient funerals – what is the right thing to do?

Posted on the BMJ Palliative & Supportive Care Forum, an interesting piece discussing a number of areas to consider around healthcare staff attending a child's funeral.

Read more [here](#)

7. Article: Experiences of bereaved parents with no surviving children in Ireland: Parents' and professionals' perspectives

An interesting article in an area where previously very little research has been carried out. It captures the views of parents and healthcare professionals supporting them. Three key themes

emerged from the parents: "Facing life after death," "Finding meaning and re-defining identity after death, and 'Being supported by those in the same boat."

One mother (M4) commented "*no bereaved mother who has three living children can say how, how I feel because she has, she's a parent still, I am not;*" going on to report feelings of jealousy and resentment when around bereaved parents with surviving children.

A number of recommendations for supporting families are made.

McClellan, K., Mitchell, N., Hanlon, P., Nixon, E. and Guerin, S., 2025. Experiences of bereaved parents with no surviving children in Ireland: Parents' and professionals' perspectives. *Death Studies*, pp.1-12.

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8. Child Bereavement UK - Dedication Wall – Mother's Day Messages

From Child Bereavement UK, a space to remember someone on Mother's Day, on the 15th March. An additional resource for families to know about on a very difficult day.



[Leave a message in memory of someone you're missing this Mother's Day](#)

9. Report: Understanding consanguinity-related child deaths

A new report from the National Child Mortality Database (NCMD). It analyses child mortality due to chromosomal, genetic and congenital anomalies, or where the child is known to have consanguineous parents. It investigates factors associated with these deaths; and identifies common themes, to help inform policymakers, commissioners, those providing services to children and young people, and those involved in reviewing deaths of children and young people.

[Overview and report](#)

10. Report: Children's views on assisted dying

Published last year in May 2025, the report published by the Children's Commissioner's Office captured the views of 10 children who had previously been involved in work by the Commission on additional needs and disabilities. It captures their responses in 4 areas: assisted dying; introducing safeguards; impact on young people, and 'the bigger picture'.

'The views shared by these young people are deeply personal. They do not speak for every child — nor should they have to. Their views, like adults, are nuanced and diverse that take inspiration from their own life experiences and circumstances — but their deep consensus was that whatever their view, they must be engaged in this debate, one of the most profound moral and philosophical debates of a generation.'

Read more [here](#)
