

# Introducing the 'Dead Patients Club' film; A supplementary resource



This short film is of an experienced clinical leader (Dr Ken Donaldson, Medical Director for an NHS Health Board) sharing some reflections on his clinical career; in particular remembering some of the patients that had died. As healthcare professionals we may be affected by the death of someone who we are close to, but we can also be impacted by the death of a patient. The film is to remind us all that it can be very real and long lasting. Dr Donaldson came to this realisation through a conversation with a person who was bereaved. It led him to also consider whether a particular patient death influenced his future career path.



<https://vimeo.com/1030696443>

This film is likely to be of most benefit to healthcare professionals but will have something to offer anyone in a caring role that is interested in learning more about grief and bereavement.

## Some questions to reflect upon:

1. Were you surprised by anything in the film?

2. Are there any patient deaths that linger in my memory and how have these affected me?

3. Have I talked about this with anyone? If not, could that be helpful?

4. If a colleague was to talk to you about their feelings about dealing with a patient's death how could you support them and yourself?

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