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Number of responses = 102

1) What is your professional role? (one_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Doctor	59	58%
Nurse	30	29%
Pharmacist	11	11%
Other	3	3%

2) How often do you visit palliativedrugs.com? (one_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Most days	11	11%
Most weeks	45	44%
At least monthly	32	31%
Less often	15	15%

3) How easy or difficult is it to find your way around palliativedrugs.com? (one_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Very easy	25	25%
Easy	73	72%
Difficult	5	5%
Very Difficult	0	0%

4) Is the information on palliativedrugs.com useful in your day-to-day work? (one_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Extremely useful	44	43%
Very useful	37	36%
Useful	22	22%
Not at all useful	0	0%

5) Which sections of the website do you find most useful? (many_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of voters</i>
Palliative Care Formulary	68	67
Syringe Driver Survey Database (SDSD)	41	40
Document library	54	53
Bulletin board	66	65
Latest additions	21	21
News	33	32
Surveys	13	13

6) How do you find out which of the on-line PCF monographs have been updated? (many_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of voters</i>
From the latest additions section of the website	47	46
From the date at the bottom of the on-line monograph	9	9
From the header at the top of the bulletin board digest email	34	33
From the blog on the BMJ supportive and palliative care website	5	5
From an external source e.g. UKMI (please specify where in the comments section below)	3	3
Did not know that the on-line monographs are being continually updated	16	16

7) How would you sum up your overall experience of palliativedrugs.com? (one_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Excellent	66	65%
Good	33	32%
Average	3	3%
Poor (needs improvement)	1	1%

Q8) Further comments

We were very encouraged by the high proportion of positive comments which included:

“So useful in everyday work, unsure how I would do my job without it.”

“I find the service useful to refer others too, as well as keep an eye on developments. In that way the site serves as an education resource.”

“The email updates and online information is very important and also the bulletin board as I have posted on there and got very useful answers and advice back in return. Good evidence base for practice.”

“I’m really pleased to have access to this great resource to check for each of my palliative care patients the compatibilities of their syringe driver and end of life medication.”

A few comments related to the subscription charge for access to the on-line formulary.

We are proud of the fact that we provided 20,000 health professionals with free access to the formulary for 11 of our 13 years. However, since the on-line formulary became available and as the membership grew, sales of subsequent editions of the book version progressively decreased. As book sales are our main source of income, providing free access on-line became unsustainable. With increased income, not only has the formulary survived, it is also possible to update its content continually, so that the on-line version now provides the most current content. Further, much of the site content remains free to access.

Nonetheless, we have continued to explore ways of securing central funding so that free access can again be offered to some members. We have achieved this for those working in NHS Scotland.

We would be grateful if members could lobby relevant organizations such as NICE, NHS England, APM etc. to help extend such arrangements.

In the meantime, the more members support us by subscribing to the website, or purchasing the PDF or book versions of the formulary, the more scope there is to reduce the cost of access in the various formats.

Thank you for your support.

Please continue to send your suggestions to hq@palliativedrugs.com.