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Number of responses = 88

1) What is your professional role? (one_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Doctor	52	59%
Nurse	16	18%
Pharmacist	19	22%
Other	0	0%

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

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Most days	9	10%
Most weeks	45	51%
At least monthly	23	26%
Less often	9	10%

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	22	25%
Easy	57	65%
Difficult	5	6%
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	40	45%
Very useful	35	40%
Useful	13	15%
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	62	70%
Syringe Driver Survey Database (SDSD)	50	57%
Document library	38	43%
Bulletin board	52	59%
Latest additions	20	23%
News	31	35%
Surveys	11	13%

6) How easy have you found the use of the store to purchase on-line subscriptions, pdf or hard copy versions of the Palliative Care Formulary? (one_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Very easy	19	22%
Easy	28	32%
Difficult	4	5%
Very Difficult	1	1%
Have not used the on-line store	36	41%

7) 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	35	40%
From the date at the bottom of the on-line monograph	12	14%
Following @palliativedrugs on twitter	3	3%
From the header at the top of the bulletin board digest email	23	26%
From the blog on the BMJ supportive and palliative care website	0	0%
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	27	31%

8) How useful have you found the pdf version of PCF? (one_of)

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Extremely useful	17	19%
Very useful	8	9%
Useful	12	14%
Not at all useful	2	2%
Do not have an PDF version	49	56%

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

<i>answer</i>	<i>votes</i>	<i>% of vote</i>
Excellent	48	55%
Good	34	39%
Average	5	6%
Poor (needs improvement)	1	1%

Q10) Further comments

We were very encouraged again by the positive comments which included:

"Brand new to Palliativedrugs.com, but I'm very excited by what I've seen so far!"

"Working in a small palliative care consultant unit it's very important to have access to reliable and updated information about 'our drugs and there is no other source so usable as PCF."

"Enjoy the weekly emails with bulletin board and occasionally chip in. A great resource."

"Found the PDF very useful and in constant use whilst undertaking nurse prescribing course."

Our response

Thank you to those members who have made suggestions on how we could improve. Please continue to send your suggestions to hq@palliativedrugs.com.

We again received several comments relating 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 15 years. However, after the on-line formulary became available, book sales, our main source of income, progressively decreased and 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. All of the other 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. For example, the annual PDF version is now permanently available at £25.

Thank you for your support.