

Table 1

Number and percentage of Consultants, Nurses and Specialist Registrars indicating a particular belief or religion compared to the population served and England and Wales.

Clinician Category	Christian	Muslim	Hindu	Buddhist	No religion	Other	Total
Consultant							
Number	34	7	16	3	15	2	77
%	44.2	9.1	20.8	3.9	19.5	2.6	100.0
Key Worker							
Number	20	0	0	0	2	1	23
%	87.0	0	0	0	8.7	4.3	100
Specialist Registrar							
Number	7	2	6	0	3	0	18
%	38.9	11.1	33.3	0	16.7	0	100
¹Population Served by Clinicians							
² %	87.6	1.2	0.2	0.1	10.6	0.1	
¹Population of England and Wales							
² %	77.7	3.2	1.2	0.3	16.1	0.3	

¹ Source: Office of National Statistics (*See reference 11*)

²The religion 'not stated' group has been excluded from the calculation therefore percentages will not add to 100

Table 2

The number and percentage of consultants and nurses agreeing, neither agreeing nor disagreeing or disagreeing with the clinical scenario posed for a patient in the last day or so of life.

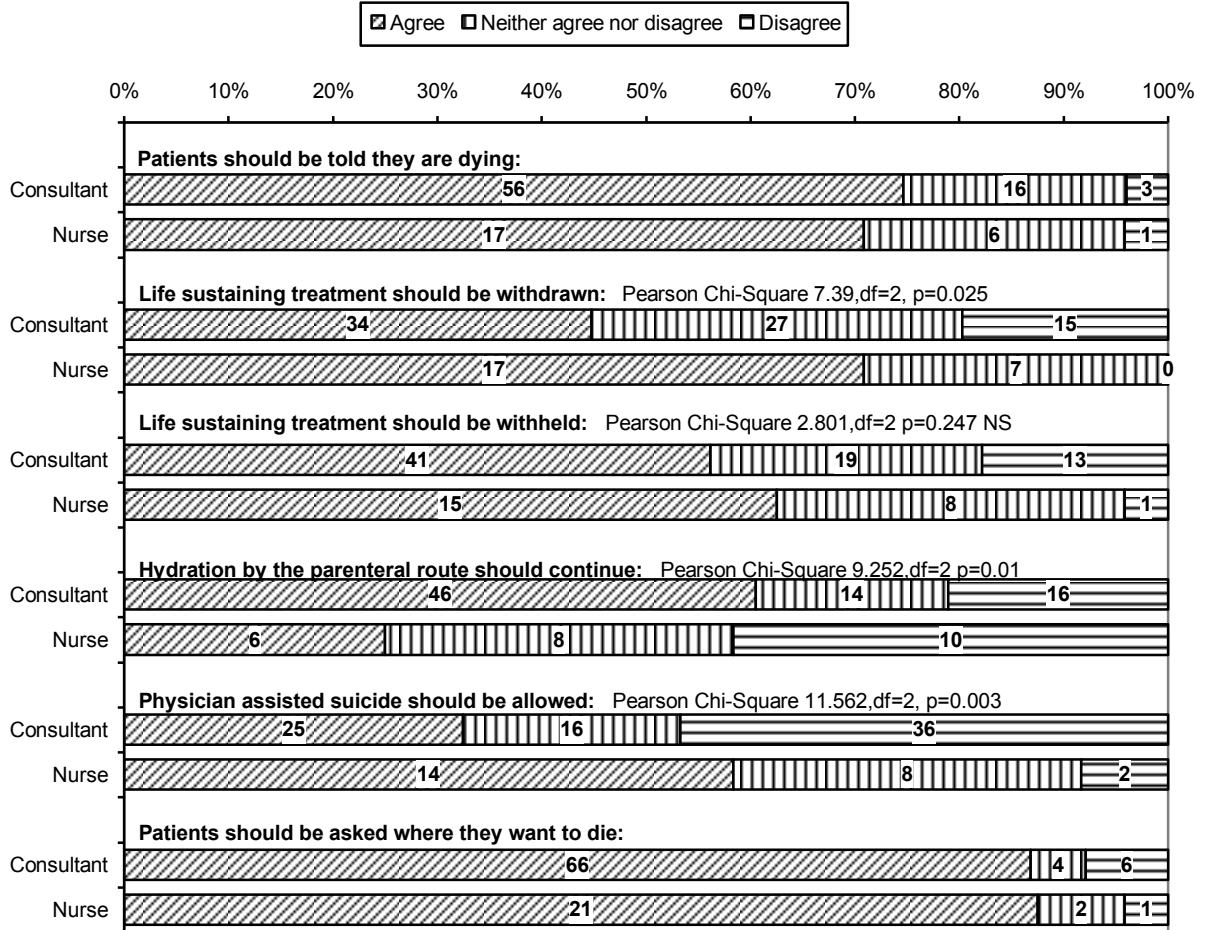
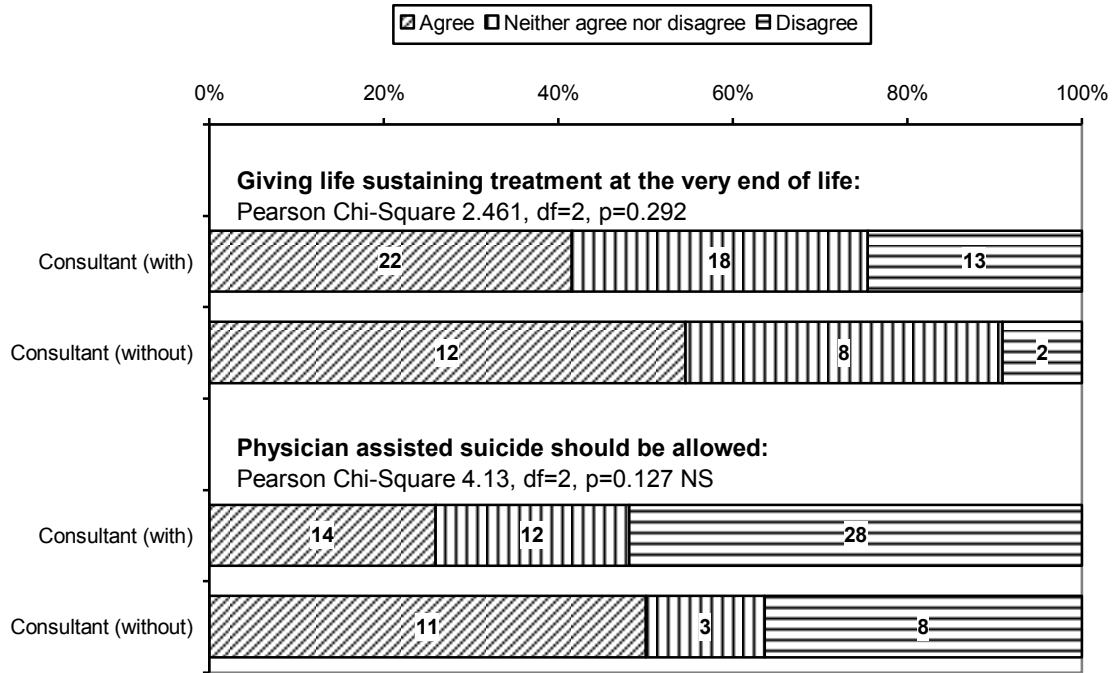


Table 3

The number and percentage of consultants with and without a belief of importance agreeing, neither agreeing nor disagreeing or disagreeing with the two clinical scenarios of (i) giving life sustaining treatment at the end of life and (ii) physician assisted suicide being allowed.



Appendix 1:

END OF LIFE: SPIRITUALITY AND THE “BELIEFS” OF CLINICIANS

- 1 Do you have a faith or “belief” that is important to you? Yes No
- 2 How important is your faith or belief to you? *Not at all* *of utmost importance*
(Please circle number) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- 3 Indicate the religion that best applies to you by ticking the box.
- Christian Muslim
 - Hindu Buddhist
 - No religion
 - Other: Please specify
- 4 How strongly do you believe there is an “after life”? Strongly disagree Strongly agree
1 2 3 4 5
- 5 How often do you attend a place of worship? (Please tick one of the following)
- More than once a week Once a week Once every 2-4 weeks
- A few times a year Never
- 6 Sex: Male Female
- 7 Age: 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 Over 60

Imagine you are treating a patient who, in your clinical view and in the view of your clinical colleagues, is dying and has several days to live.

For each of the following statements, indicate how strongly you disagree or agree:
(1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree or disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree)

- 8 Patients should be told they are dying. 1 2 3 4 5
- 9 Life sustaining treatment should be withdrawn. 1 2 3 4 5
- 10 Life sustaining treatment should be withheld. 1 2 3 4 5
- 11 Hydration by the parenteral route should continue. 1 2 3 4 5
- 12 Physician assistant suicide (euthanasia), should be allowed for patients who have 'unbearable' suffering. 1 2 3 4 5
- 13 Patients should be asked where they want to die. 1 2 3 4 5
- 14 The religious and spiritual needs of patients should

be discussed if they bring it up.

1 2 3 4 5

Any other comments:

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