CPD EVENT RECORD

MINDFULNESS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT

with Alison Bale



Although NICE recommends mindfulness training in the UK only for mental health issues, there is increasing evidence for its role in the management of pain. In this discussion, the scope of mindfulness was explained, as were some of the principles used to encourage patients to try the approach.

Mindfulness and meditation were contrasted, and the way in which language can sometimes be a deterrent when open to misinterpretation explored. An example given was the use of the term "psychosomatic".

A number of resources were provided both to learn mindfulness and to encourage use of the technique.



Evaluation, Reflection and Impact on Practice (this part of the certificate is **not** automatically generated - it has been entered by the participant)

It was reassuring to hear that there is emerging evidence for mindfulness as a pain management technique. Where it suits patient preferences, I am now better able to signpost them to appropriate resources.