CPD EVENT RECORD CLINICAL SUPPORT DISCUSSION

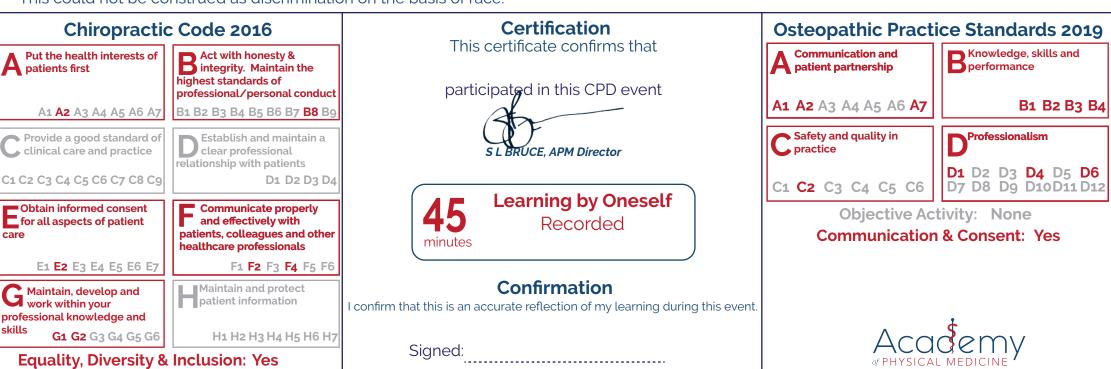


The focus of this discussion was the need on occasion to refuse treatment to a patient, and strategies for doing so without causing offence. It was made clear that practitioners have a right to refuse treatment, but most not discriminate, particularly against those with protected characteristics.

It is good practice to suggest alternative avenues for a patient. It is not a legal obligation for osteopaths, but the GCC requires it under the Chiropractic Code.

The importance of recording the reasons for refusal in the case history was emphasised, not least as this would be of vital importance were a patient to complain.

Where language was a barrier to communication, it would be acceptable to refuse treatment since obtaining valid consent might be impossible. This could not be construed as discrimination on the basis of race.



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