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Dear All

DRC was enjoyed by most this week. Here is a breakdown and a few comments.

Morning paper - 'well presented'.

Soapbox - 'very good' 'hangover cures noted and will be tried'. All positive feedback.

Knee Talk - mixed reactions. Scored 2-3/6 by some and 4-5/6 by others. The introduction was thought to be too long, and examination too brief. For others, it was a good recap of knees, and one comment was 'knee examination can be easy'. More could have been made of management of knee problems in general practice setting, when to refer etc.

Pain talk - mixed reactions again. Average 4.5/6. Some enjoyed the small group work, and found the speaker informative. Others would have liked to concentrate more on neuropathic pain. Some found the group work unhelpful. There were a few calls for a handout. Most seemed happy, and we learned about pregabalin and oxycodone.

Afternoon session - living wills. 5/6. Enjoyed by all, no negative comments! We learned about legal issues, discussed ethical problems and opiates in the community.

Things we learnt - how to examine knees, use of pregabalin and drugs for neuropathic pain, opiates and non malignant pain, Shipman enquiry and how to cure hangovers!

Things we would like to know more about - other joints, rarer knee conditions - how to recognise and when to refer. Chronic pain management.

See you all this week in Bath.
Hazel