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The launch of the Kidney End of Life Framework marks an important step in improving the end of life care for people with renal failure. Good quality conversations between health professionals, patients and their families about death and dying / end of life care are crucial to the delivery of high quality, patient centred care. Health professionals need to be supported in developing the required skills to become effective and timely communicators.

This workshop will consider;

- How and when to talk about death and dying with patients and their families
- How to be an effective communicator.
- Raising and discussing the issue of preferred place of care

The workshop will provide participants with:

- The opportunity to draw on personal experiences of talking with patients about end of life issues and the challenges this can bring
- The chance to refresh or develop communication skills to help in future conversations with patients and their families
- An opportunity to discuss, as health care professionals, the emotional cost of such conversations