

### **Why doctor's don't recognise dying**

Medicine has a dying problem. With the prevalence of a death-denying culture, doctors are trained to diagnose & treat, often regardless of the physical and emotional cost to the patient and without exploring alternative options. Exposure to palliative care during training is limited which means that dying patients and sick patients often appear the same. Only in retrospect does the trajectory become apparent. Where this confusion exists, 'everything' is done by default. Whereas many patients trust us with their lives, increasingly they are no longer trusting us with their deaths.