

**Marking Sheet: Breaking bad news**

Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

0= Not attempted, 1=partially completed, 2=fully completed

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Establishes good eye contact and open posture			
Introduce self to patient's relative			
Confirm identity of patient and relative			
Ensure patient comfort			
Asks whether they want any particular family members / friends / nurse present			
Establishes current knowledge of condition			
Appropriate warning statement i.e. "I'm afraid I have bad news"			
Explain medical problem and treatment so far			
Empathic and sympathetic approach e.g. "I cannot imagine how you feel, but I am sorry"			
Directly and sensitively informs relative of plan to extubate			
Explores relatives thoughts and concerns			
Offers help with contacting other relatives/family			
Gives relative opportunity to ask questions			
Offers the opportunity to see relative			
Remains firm with plan to proceed with extubation and does not allow relative to change this			
Offers to show CT scan images			
Discusses possibility of organ and tissue donation appropriately			
Explicitly tells relative that the patient is going to die			
Confirm that the relative understands that patient is going to die			
Explain that they will be kept comfortable and cared for. Liverpool care pathway.			
Does the patient or relative have any religious beliefs? Do they want a chaplain / priest / Iman etc.			
Offers relative to see/be with patient. Explains about lines / blood etc.			
Invites questions			
Offers tissues if needed			

Examiner's global score (1-5)

Actor's global score (1-5)

**Examiner's Impression:  
Comments**

**Pass      Borderline      Clear Fail**