

## Older people: Cov and Warwicks VTS study day 20.11.12

### Outcomes

Raise confidence and competence in managing the care of the elderly  
The Big picture – problem based approach rather than disease-based approach

### Program

- 9.15 Set the scene - Ros
- 9.20 Intro, Definitions of old age. The Journey – Birth to Death - Dave
- 9.30 - 11 Dementia – Cognitive decline – Dr Bart Sheehan: Lecture & small group work
- 11 Coffee
- 11.30 Multi system problems / co-morbidity/ Social set up/team working. Group work
- 12.30 Feedback from small group work
- 1 -2 Lunch
- 2 How will you feel when you are old? Ros and Dave
- 2.15 Polypharmacy and the Compleity of Ageing – Sharon Maxted, Mark Galloway, Altaz Dhanani – Medicines Management Department Lectures and group work
- 3.15 Tea
- 3.30 Continuing group work
- 4.30 Finish

### *Don't mess with old people*

For you people in foreign lands – beware!!!

An elderly man in Winklespruit calls his son in Cape Town and says, 'I hate to ruin your Christmas, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; 35 years of misery is enough.'

'Dad, what are you talking about?' the son screams.

'We can't stand the sight of each other any longer,' the old man says. 'We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in England and tell her,' and he hangs up.

Frankie, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. 'It's herk they're getting divorced,' she shouts, 'I'll take care of this.'

She calls her dad immediately, and screams at the old man.

'You are NOT getting divorced! Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there on Friday.'

'Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?' and hangs up.

The old man hangs up and turns to his wife.

'Okay,' he says, 'they're coming for Christmas and paying their own airtares.'