**SCE in Palliative Medicine Blueprint**

Candidates are tested on a wide range of common and important disorders as set out in the syllabus of the curriculum.

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* This should be taken as an indication of the likely number of questions – the actual number may vary slightly. The questions in each category are distributed across both papers.

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