

# Palliative Care Template

## **National After death audit (from practice held registers) revealed:**

- Only 27% of patients who died were identified.
- 75% of deaths were non-cancer but only 29% were identified prior to death
- Only 42% had ACP recorded
- Patients on registers received better coordinated care

UK Policy suggests all localities introduce an EPaCCs by 2020.

# Why use this template?

- Caring for patients with EoL is complex and often requires multiple professionals, this uses the same codes as District nurses and the Macmillan team use (reduce duplication)
- Printable for OOH if not on system one
- Discussion and recording of preferences leads to reduced hospital deaths (option to add codes to summary for summary care record)
- It Works ... (since used in our practice 85% of patients died in preferred place after template completed)

# Non Cancer palliative patients

Patients Identified –  
Long term condition reviews.  
Frailty assessments  
D1s / hospital letters  
Adhoc



Housebound



Initial  
Assessment  
- ANP



Medication Review  
Care Needs assessment.



Advanced care planning and DNA CPR discussions if appropriate.

Manage symptoms



Not Housebound



Initial  
assessment  
ANP or GPs



If stable / Green (AB):  
\*3 monthly reviews.  
\*Involve appropriate  
resources (DN, SW,  
Dietician , SALT  
Physio/OT, HF nurse  
etc.)

If Amber/Red or complex  
\* Involve GP +/- Macmillan services

# Cancer Palliative patients

Patients Identified –  
Frailty assessments  
D1s / hospital letters  
Clinical meetings  
Adhoc



Initial Review by GP either in surgery  
(double appointment) or Home visit



Discuss oncology plan and letters if appropriate

Medication Review

Advanced care planning and DNACPR  
discussions if appropriate.

Manage symptoms

GSF category



GREEN

If stable / Green (ANP):

\*3 monthly reviews.

\*Involve appropriate resources

(DN, SW, Dietician SALT

Physio/OT,)



AMBER / RED

GP continues care &

Involve appropriate

resources ( DN /

Macmillan)

**The Electronic Palliative Care Co-Ordination System (EPaCCS) / Palliative Care Register.**

This template has been designed to assist professionals in the management of people to be at the end of their life. The template provides a structured way of recording key information about a patient at various stages of their illness. It is not expected that all sections of the template will be completed for all patients.

**Consent to share patient information with other health professionals/hospice:**

Consent Status

Palliative care plan review

Palliative Care Exception Reporting Codes

On gold standards palliative care framework

GSF prognostic indicator stage

[GSF Prognostic Indicator Guidance](#)
[Supportive & Palliative Care Indicator Tool\(SPICT\)](#)

If **Red**, have you considered supporting care with **My Care Plan?**

Key Services Involved

<input type="checkbox"/>	Community specialist palliative care (XalpR)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specialist palliative care treatment - daycare (Xalt6)	QOF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Under care of district nurse (XaAQq)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Under care of community matron (XaLJP)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Under care of palliative care specialist nurse (XaZhw)	QOF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Under care of social services (XaLKF)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospice at home service (XaZLA)	QOF

**In order to coordinate care, information must be shared with all health care professionals involved in the patients care.**

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[Barnsley End of Life Care](#)
**Consent Status**

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**PATIENT & CARER ASSESSMENT**

Care status

Carer support

Patient aware of prognosis

Relative aware of prognosis

Carer aware of prognosis

Assessment of needs offered to carer

Provision of social services care package

**Professional Relationships**

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Has end of life care key worker  Record Key Worker

Has end of life care key general practitioner  Record Key Palliative Care Member

Under care of palliative care specialist nurse  Record Main Carer

**Disability**

Patient reports no current disability   Hearing loss

Difficulty communicating   Impaired vision

**Financial Support**

Continuing Healthcare Funding

DS1500 Disability living allowance report discussed

DS 1500 Disability living allowance completed

DS1500 Disability living allowance report declined

**Care status**

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NICE guidance on Depression suggests that "screening should be undertaken in Primary Care...for depression in high-risk groups" and that "screening for depression should include the use of at least two questions concerning mood and interest".

**During the last month, have you often been bothered by feeling down, depressed or hopeless?**

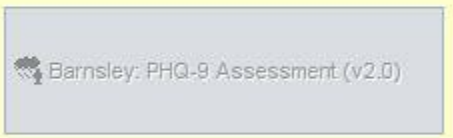
**During the last month, have you often been bothered by having little interest or pleasure in doing things?**

Depression screening using questions  


A "yes" answer to either question is considered a positive test.


If the test is positive, the patient should be further assessed for other symptoms. This assessment should be informed by using a questionnaire measure of severity such as the PHQ-9, HADS, or BDI, as used for the DEP2 indicator.


To proceed to the PHQ-9 click the button below.




Patient health questionnaire (PHQ-9) score   

Referral to GP  

Depression resolved  

Patient given advice about management of anxiety  

Patient given advice about management of depression  

### Depression screening using questions

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**ADVANCED CARE PLANNING**

Use this section to record whether the patient has:

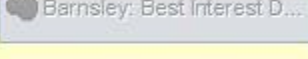
Had a discussion about advance care planning

Discussion about advance care plan  

**Discussion Outcome**


Preferred priorities for care document completed    

Has advance statement (Mental Capacity Act 2005)  


Has ADRT (advance decision to refuse treatment) (MCA 2005)    

Appointed a **Lasting Power of Attorney** to make decisions on their behalf (record details of the person appointed).

Lasting power of attorney personal welfare  

Lasting power of attorney property and affairs  

**Preferred Place of Care**

Preferred Place of Care Discussion  Preferred place of care - discussed with patient (XaR4x) 


Preferred place of care - discussed with family (XaR4y)

Preferred place of care - discussion not appropriate (XaX2M)

Preferred place of care - patient declined to participate (XaR7D)

Preferred place of care - patient undecided (Xaash)

Preferred place care - patient unable to express preference (Xa...

Preferred Place of Care  Preferred place of care - home (XaQTk) 

Preferred place of care - relative's home (Xaad6)

Preferred place of care - hospice (XaQU3)

Preferred place of care - hospital (XaQU5)

Preferred place of care - nursing home (XaQU7)

Preferred place of care - care home (XaaYt)

Preferred place of care - mental health unit (XaR4n)

Preferred place of care - learning disability unit (XaR4m)

Preferred place of care - community hospital (XaQU4)

Preferred place of care - patient undecided (Xaash)

continued....

**Discussion about advance care plan**

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Overview Patient / Carer Info Depression Screening ACP ACP Continued Medication / MDT Meetings After Death

**DNACPR**

Resuscitation discussed

<input type="checkbox"/>	Resuscitation discussed with patient (XaLwc)		<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resuscitation discussed with carer (XaLwd)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion about DNACPR not appropriate at this tim...		

Resuscitation

<input type="checkbox"/>	For attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation (XaZVX)		<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not for attempted CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitatio...		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not aware of DNACPR clinical decision (XaZZn)		

GP out of hours handover form completed

New Word letter with 'Palliative Care Handover Form' template

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**Resuscitation discussed**


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**MEDICATION**

Prescription of palliative care anticipatory medication  

Medication review  


Discussed with district nurse  

[Prescribing Anticipatory Medications](#) [BEST Palliative Care](#)


Last 3 months acute medication, current repeat medication, allergies & sensitivities.

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**MDT MEETINGS**

Palliative care plan review  

If the GSF Prognostic indicator stage has changed, or if at indicator stage D (red), does the patient have a care plan?  
 Consider using **My Care Plan - BEST Website**. Please also ensure that the GSF Indicator has been amended on the Overview page if necessary.

Multidisciplinary meeting 

Multi-agency action plan 

**Prescription of palliative care anticipatory medication**

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Ok

Cancel

Mr Mickey David Mouse-TestPatient "Dave" 15 Mar 1981 (36 y)  
M7 Carr Green Lane, Mapplewell, Barnsley S75 6DY  
Home (preferred): 01226 876543 Alternate: 01226 654321 Test  
Patient, Boots Cortonwood

Other Details... Exact date &amp; time Mon 18 Dec 2017 13:00

## Select Drug or Appliance

Drug &amp; Appliance Browser

Formularies

Free Text Drugs &amp; Appliances

Settings

Available Formularies

Barnsley Formulary 2016

End of life care

Lidocaine

Local antibiotics dosages

Miscellaneous Local Pr...

Non formulary miscella...

Non formulary Opioid P...

Non formulary Personal...

Woundcare 2011

Selected Formulary Contents

Drug	Dose	Quantity	Cou...	Indicative...	Flags
Haloperidol 5mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules	0.5 - 1mg sc 2-4 hourly PRN for nausea or agitation/delirium. MAX 5mg/24 hours. Seek advice over 5mg/24 hours	5 ampoule	7	35.00	
Hyoscine butylbromide 20mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules	20mg sc hourly PRN for respiratory secretions or colic	5 ampoule	7	2.92	*
Midazolam 10mg/2ml solution for injection ampoules	2.5 - 5mg sc hourly PRN for agitation, distress or dyspnoea	5 ampoule	7	5.85	CD   *
Morphine sulfate 10mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules	2.5-5mg sc hourly PRN for pain of dyspnoea	5 ampoules	7	9.36	CD
water for injections injection	10 ml ampoules. Use as 50 millilitres directed		7	1.73	*

9 Formularies

5 Drugs in this formulary

Sensitivities & Allergies: SODIUM LAURYL SULFATE AMOXICILLIN ATENOLOL ATENOLOL CEFALEXIN PARACETAMOL LACTULOSE ATENOLOL ATENOLOL SOTALOL ATENOLOL AMOXICILLIN PENICILLIN G PENICILLIN G ATENOLOL PENICILLIN G IBUPROFEN BENZYL PENICILLIN PARACETAMOL PARACETAMOL ATENOLOL ASPIRIN PARACETAMOL ASPIRIN CODEINE ATENOLOL Lansoprazole allergy (Xa5ex) Penicillin allergy (Xa5sH) Penicillin allergy (Xa5sH) Wheat Allergy (Y06ac) Nut allergy (Xa7IJ) Nut allergy (Xa7IJ) Lentil Allergy (Y2199) Latex allergy (Xa7IR) Latex allergy (Xa7IR) Allergy to strawberries (Xa7II) Surgical tissue adhesive allergy (Xa5nQ) Allergy to pollen (Xa7IL) Latex allergy (Xa7IR) Egg allergy (Xa1nm) Penicillin allergy (Xa5sH) Food allergy (Xa1aX) Egg allergy (Xa1nm) Penicillin allergy (Xa5sH)

### AFTER DEATH

It is not permitted to issue a death certificate unless a patient has been seen by a doctor within the last 14 days of life. If they have not, the Coroner must be informed. If a patient dies at home, this may lead to police visiting the house, delays moving the body and the possibility of a postmortem.

Please ensure place of death has been recorded. This will enable audit as to whether patients died in their place of choice. If preferred place of death was not achieved, please record the reason why below.

Patient died - place

Patient died in usual place of residence

If PPD not achieved select reason

Bereavement support

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### Patient died - place

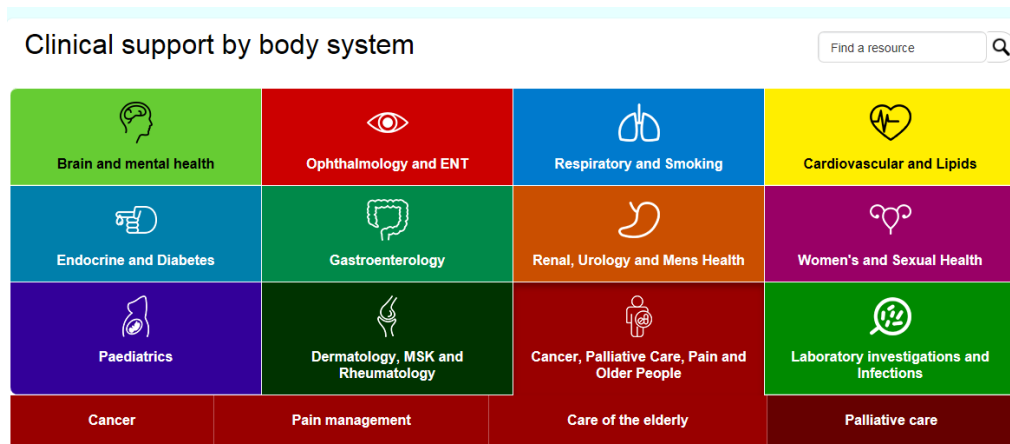
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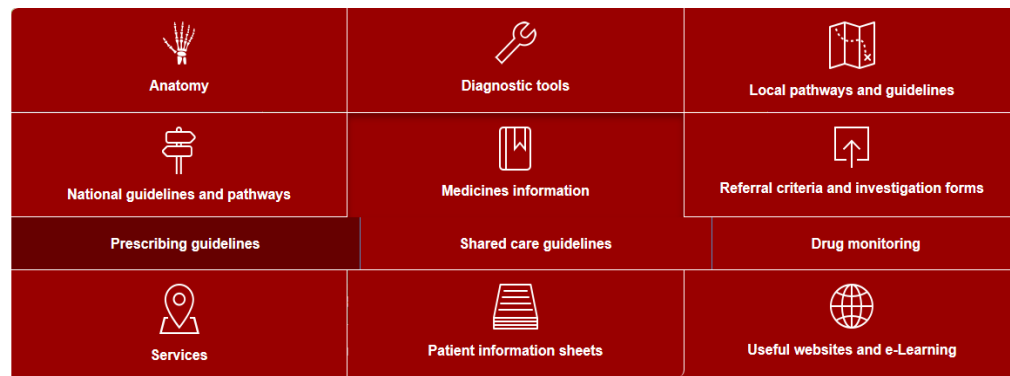
# Where to find advice and guidance on Palliative care medications

**BEST portal**

<http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/>



Click on Cancer, Palliative Care, Pain and Older People / Palliative care



Click on medicines Information / Prescribing guidelines

## Prescribing anticipatory subcutaneous medications for the last days of life general advice (July 2016)

Indication	Drug	Dosing	Frequency	Strength	Quantity	Notes regarding syringe driver use
<b>Pain - 1<sup>st</sup> line</b> (Doses may be different for patients already on background opioids and existing need should be considered)  In renal failure ask specialist palliative care advice	<b>Morphine Sulphate</b>	<b>2.5mg -5mg</b> (if no existing opiate medication)  If already taking oral morphine to calculate the sub cutaneous PRN dose calculate the 24 hour dose and divide by 6	<b>2 hourly PRN</b>	10mg/ml	10 x 1ml amps	If no existing opiates the syringe driver should only be used if PRNs have been required  If converting from oral Morphine, use ½ of the 24hr oral Morphine dose in a syringe driver over 24 hours
Pain alternative to morphine	<b>Oxycodone</b> (alternative to morphine)	1mg - 2.5mg (if no existing opiate medication)  If already taking oral morphine to calculate the sub cutaneous PRN dose calculate the 24 hour dose and divide by 6	2 hourly PRN	10mg/ml	5 x 1ml amps	If converting from oral Oxycodone to subcut use ½ of the 24 hour oral oxycodone in a syringe driver over 24 hours
<b>Nausea, vomiting – 1<sup>st</sup> line</b>  (Haloperidol also indicated for delirium, hallucinations and paranoia)	<b>Haloperidol</b>  (extra pyramidal side effects and sedation in high doses)	<b>0.5mg –1.5mg</b>  (max 5mg/24hr)	<b>4 hourly PRN</b>	5mg/ml	5 x 1ml amps	Syringe driver dose should be according to PRN need. Tendency to precipitate.
Nausea, vomiting (in Parkinson's disease or extrapyramidal side-effects)	<b>Cyclizine</b> (alternative to haloperidol for N+V)	50mg  (max 150mg/24hr)	4-6 hourly PRN	50mg/ml	10 x 1ml amps	50-150mg in 24 hrs according to PRN need (maximum 150 mg)
Nausea, vomiting (Alternative if Haloperidol not available or appropriate or Haloperidol not effective)	<b>Levomepromazine</b>	6.25 mg	4-6 hourly PRN	25mg/1ml	5 x 1ml	Dose for syringe driver should be according to PRN use
<b>Anxiety, restlessness, panic,</b>	<b>Midazolam</b>	<b>2.5mg-5mg</b> (starting dose – if not effective speak to specialist palliative care)	<b>hourly PRN</b>	10mg/2mls	10 x 2ml amps	Syringe driver use will be according to PRNs used
<b>Respiratory tract secretions</b>	<b>Hyoscine butylbromide</b> (Buscopan)	20mg	2 hourly PRN	20mg/ml	10 x 1ml amps	If symptoms start syringe driver 60-120mg/24hours Seek specialist palliative care if higher doses needed

**EXAMPLES OF FP 10 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ANTICIPATORY MEDICATIONS AND SYRINGE DRIVER IN END OF LIFE CARE**

PRN HALOPERIDOL inj  
AND HYSCINE  
BUTYLBROMIDE inj

3/3/10		Mr Joe Bloggs	
		15 Nowhere Street S00 3PP	
		NHS No: 12345	
<p><b>HALOPERIDOL 5mg/ml</b> for injection</p> <p>To have 500 micrograms -1.5mg by subcutaneous injection every 4 hours as required</p> <p>Supply 5 ampules</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE 20mg/ml</b> for injection</p> <p>To have 20mg by subcutaneous injection every 2 hours as required</p> <p>Supply 5 ampules</p> <p>_____</p>			
SIGNATURE		DATE	

PRN MORPHINE inj  
AND MIDAZOLAM inj

3/3/10		Mr Joe Bloggs	
		15 Nowhere Street S00 3PP	
		NHS No: 12345	
<p><b>MORPHINE SULFATE 10mg/mL</b> for injection</p> <p>To have 2.5mg -5 mg by subcutaneous injection every 2 hours as required</p> <p>Supply 5 (five) ampules</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>MIDAZOLAM 10mg/2ml</b> for injection</p> <p>To have 2.5mg – 5mg by subcutaneous injection every 1 hour as required</p> <p>Supply 5 (five) ampules</p> <p>_____</p>			
SIGNATURE		DATE	

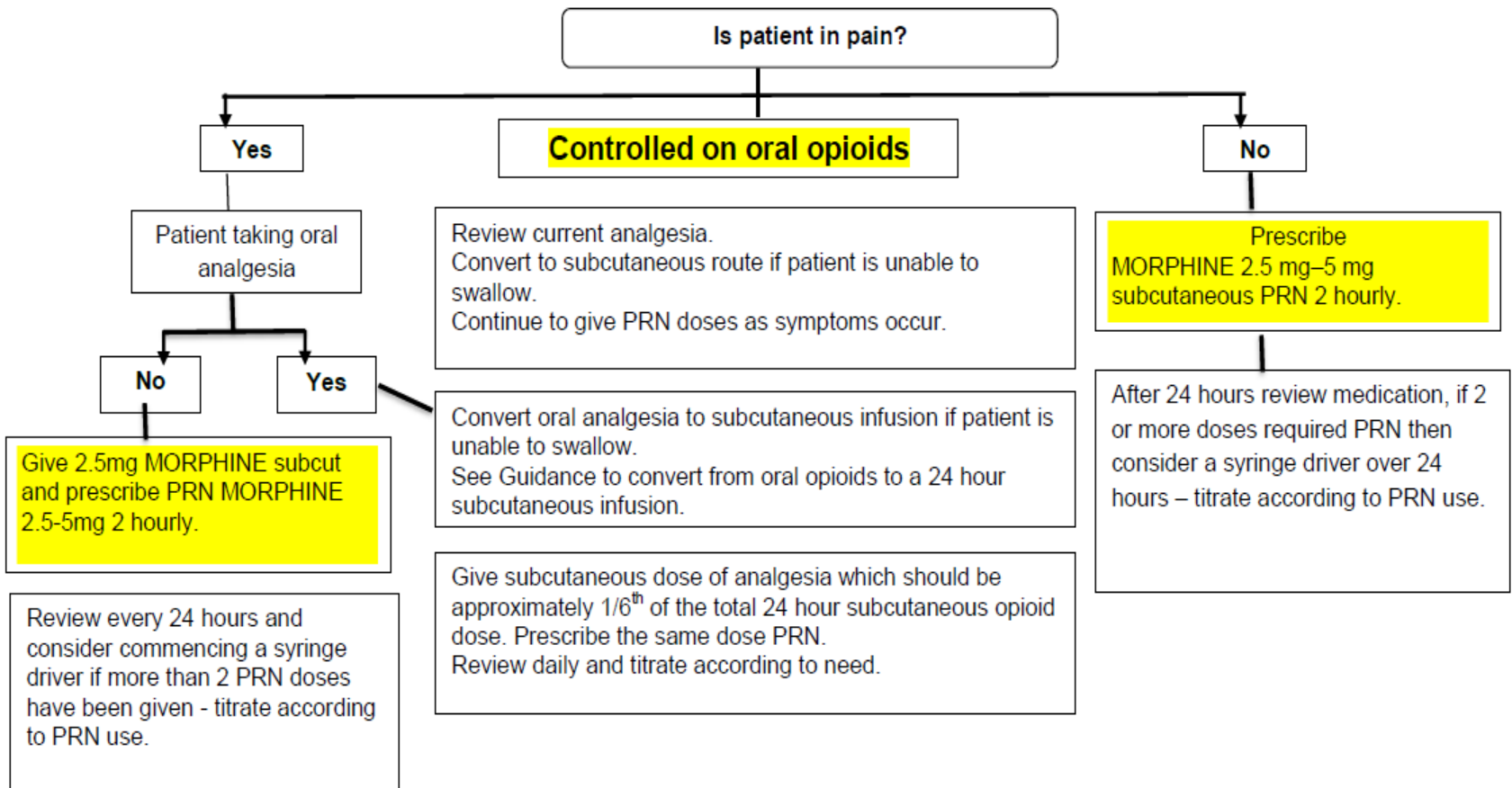
DON'T FORGET  
WATER And FILM

3/3/16		Joe Bloggs	
<p><b>WATER</b> for injection 10ml ampules to be used as directed</p> <p>Please supply 10 ampules</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>VAPOUR PERMEABLE FILM DRESSING</b></p> <p>6cm x 7cm To use as directed.</p> <p>Please supply 3 dressings</p>			
		Mr Joe Bloggs	
<p><b>MORPHINE SULFATE 10mg/mL</b> for injection</p> <p>To have 10mg over 24 hours via continuous subcutaneous infusion by syringe driver</p> <p>Please supply 10 (ten) ampules</p>			
SIGNATURE		DATE	

MORPHINE FOR  
SYRINGE DRIVER



# Pain (Morphine, Oxycodone)



## Supporting information

- If further information is needed contact the Specialist Palliative Care Team
- If on a **fentanyl patch** maintain the patch, do not remove it and prescribe breakthrough opioid doses as attached guidance
- Please note a syringe driver may take up to 4 hours to become effective
- **If patients have known renal failure, please contact the Specialist Palliative Care team for advice.**

Converting from	To	Factor
Oral Morphine	Subcutaneous Morphine	Divide by 2
Oral Morphine	Subcutaneous Oxycodone	Divide by 3
Oral Oxycodone	Subcutaneous Oxycodone	Divide by 2

Weak Opioids	Usual Max 24 hour Dose	Dose of Morphine for continuous subcutaneous infusion via syringe driver over 24 hours	Dose of subcutaneous Morphine for breakthrough
Tramadol	400mg	10mg - 20mg	2.5mg – 5mg
Codeine Phosphate	240mg	10mg	2.5mg – 5mg

For alternative step 2 conversions, e.g. BuTrans, Transtec  
Please seek Specialist Palliative Care advice

### Fentanyl patch in situ

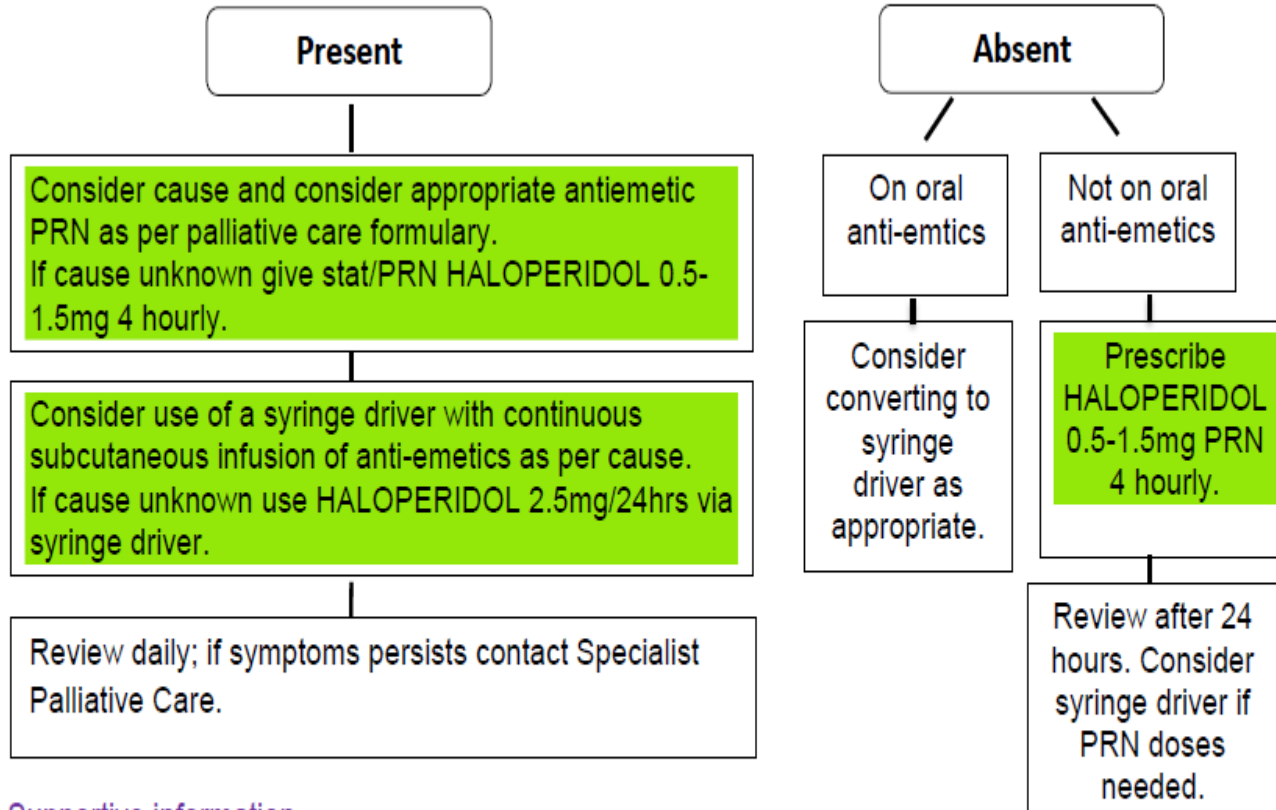
Do not remove the patch as this will complicate management

- Ensure that patch is adherent to patient's skin.
- Reassess patient to identify any other causes for increased pain.
- Continue to change patch every 72 hours.
- If pain is uncontrolled commence subcutaneous infusion of opioid in addition to Fentanyl patch according to the PRN doses that have been required
- Administer breakthrough analgesia as required according to dose regime below.

Transdermal Fentanyl Patch currently in use	Breakthrough doses of subcutaneous Morphine when Fentanyl Patch in use only
12mcg	2.5-5mg
25mcg	5-10mg
50mcg	10-15mg
75mcg	15-20mg
100mcg	20-30mg

Adapted from:  
PCF4 Palliative Care  
Formulary (2011)  
Contact Specialist  
Palliative Care Team  
for additional advice  
if required

# Nausea and vomiting ( Haloperidol,Cyclizine,Levopromazine )

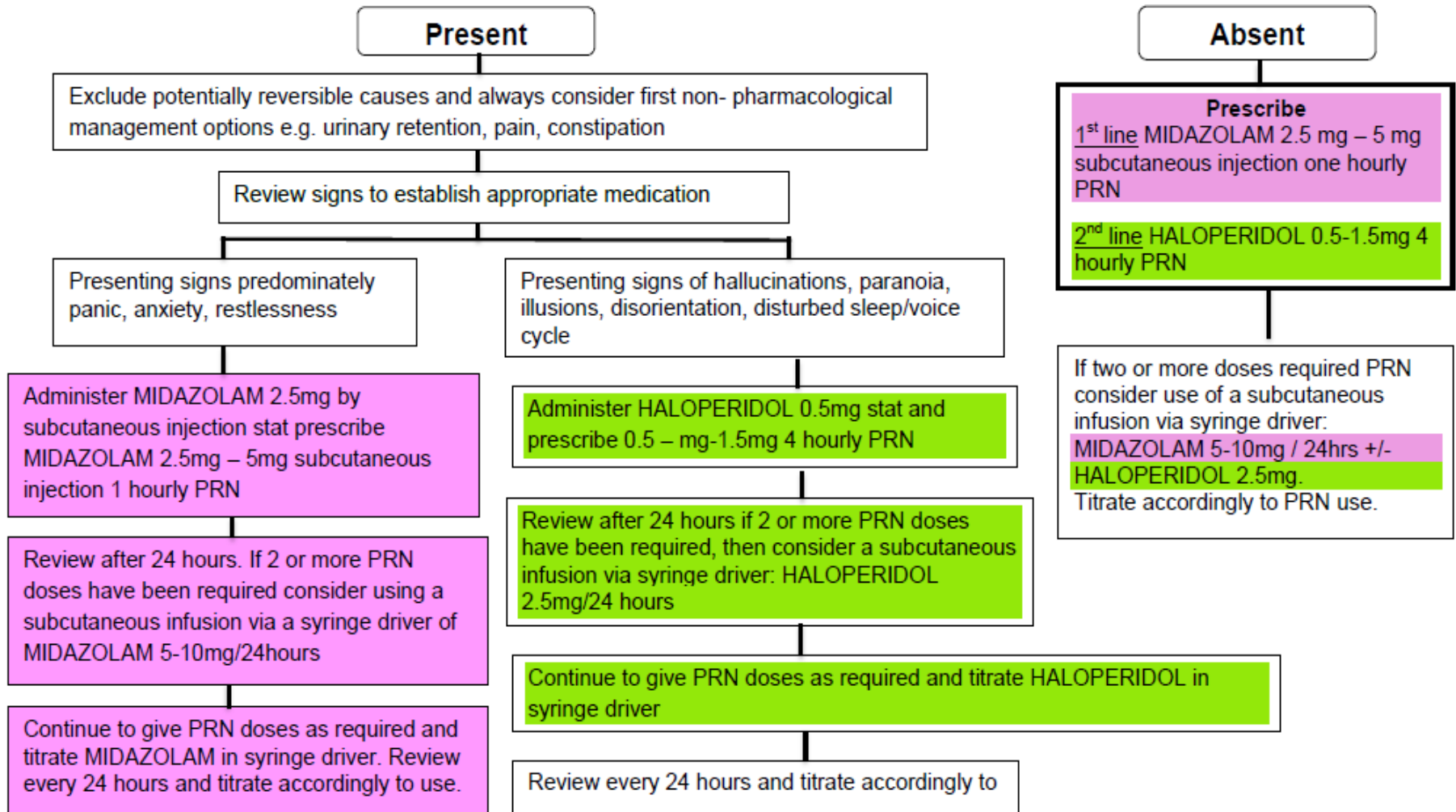


## Supportive information

- **If symptoms persist or further advice is needed contact the Specialist Palliative Care Team**
- **HALOPERIDOL** is not recommended for patients with Parkinson's Disease, first line **Cyclizine** would be suggested.
- For alternative anti-emetics see Palliative Care Formulary or contact the Specialist Palliative Care team.
- If **HALOPERIDOL** is not available or ineffective, consider Levomepromazine.

# Last days of life symptom management guidance

## Agitation, delirium and anxiety ( Midazolam and Haloperidol)



### Supportive information

- **HALOPERIDOL** is not recommended for patients with Parkinsons Disease, in this case use **MIDAZOLAM** or seek Specialist Care advice.
- Please be aware that **MIDAZOLAM** can cause a paradoxical increase in agitation, in this instance use **HALOPERIDOL**
- If symptoms persist or any further advice is needed contact the appropriate Specialist Palliative Care team

# Respiratory tract secretions ( Hyoscine butylbromide)

Present

Try turning the patient first and explain to family that as they are semi-conscious/unconscious the patient may not be distressed by secretions.

Also consider administering HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE 20 mg subcutaneous bolus injection and prescribe HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE PRN 2 hourly. Consider commencing a syringe driver of HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE 60 mg over 24 hours.

Continue to give PRN dosage accordingly and titrate doses in the syringe driver as necessary to a maximum dose of 120mg over 24 hours.

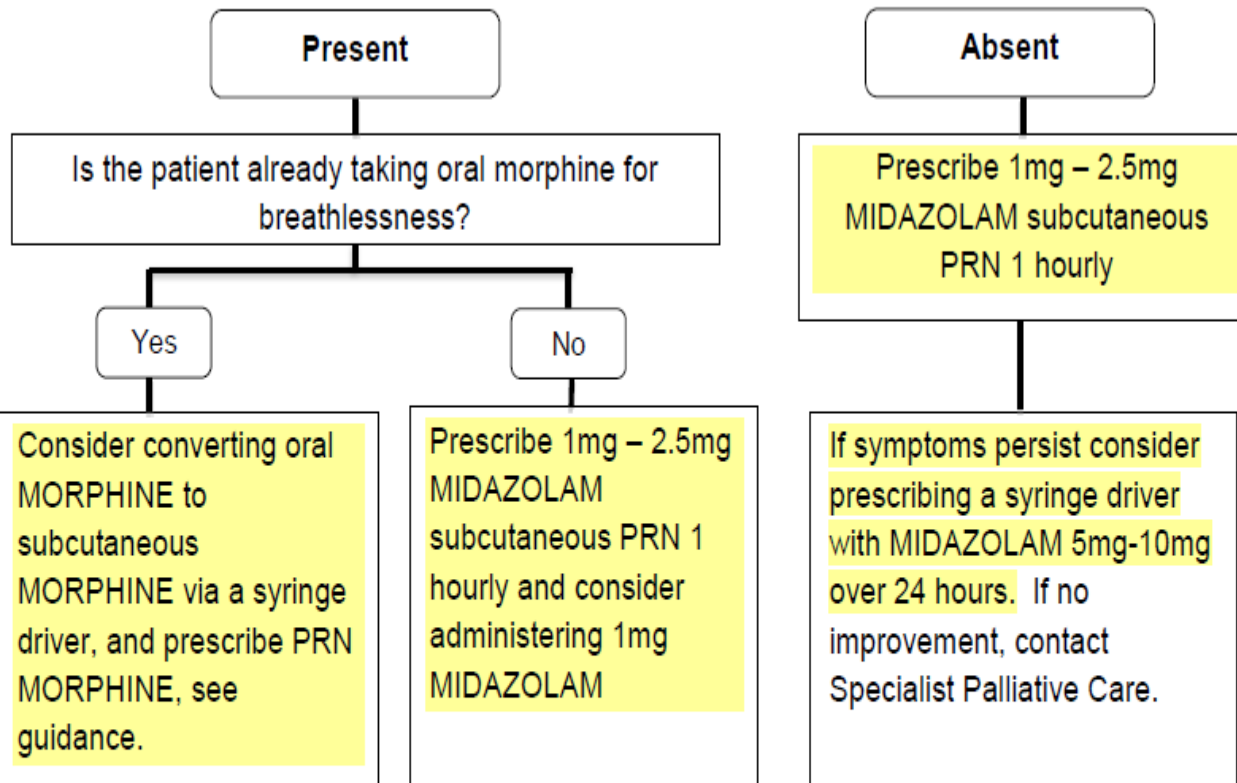
Absent

Prescribe HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE 20mg PRN 2 hourly.

If two or more doses of PRN HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE required, then consider a subcutaneous infusion of HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE (60-120mg) over 24 hours .

- Consider changing or stopping medicines if noisy respiratory secretions continue after 12 hours (medicines may take up to 12 hours to become effective)

# Dyspnoea ( Midazolam and Morphine lower dose and this needs to be specific on the drug chart for dyspnoea)



## Supportive information

- An alternative to Midazolam would be to use low dose subcutaneous Morphine 1.25mg - 2.5mg this may be more useful in patients with heart failure.
- **If symptoms persist, contact Specialist Palliative Care team.**
- Identify and treat reversible causes of breathlessness in the dying person, for example pulmonary oedema or pleural effusion.
- Consider non- pharmacological management of breathlessness in a person in the last days of life. Do not routinely start oxygen to manage breathlessness. Only offer oxygen therapy to people known or clinically suspected to have symptomatic hypoxaemia.

# Contact numbers

- Community Macmillan Service Advice Line  
01226 644755 (Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm)  
01226 644575 (weekend and bank holidays)
- Rapid Response  
07747 794698 (Evening and night)
- i-Heart 365 Out of hours GP service  
01226 242471
- Pall Call advice for health care professionals  
01226 244244