

ESSENTIAL LIST FOR PALLIATIVE CARE DRUGS IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

A number of pharmacies in Cambridgeshire have agreed to keep a stock of all the drugs on this list. The quantities that participating pharmacies are expected to hold are included in the list. However, prescribers/nurses should be aware that topping up the stock may take two working days and a phone call to the pharmacy is recommended before travelling.

INFORMATION FOR PHARMACIES WHO HOLD THE PALLIATIVE CARE DRUGS: If the drugs have not been used 3 months prior to expiry please inform **Maggie Brown at the PCT on 01223 725476** (brown.Maggie.cpct@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk) so that reimbursement or exchange can be organised to help ensure the full quantities listed remain available, as far as possible.

Drug and form to be stocked	Quantity to be stocked by participating community pharmacies
Cyclizine injection 50mg/ml	10 x 1ml amps
Dexamethasone tablets 2mg	50 tablets
Diamorphine injection 5mg* store each strength separately, as per NPSA guidance	5 x 1ml amps
Diamorphine injection 10mg* store each strength separately, as per NPSA guidance	10 x 1ml amps
Diamorphine injection 30mg* store each strength separately, as per NPSA guidance	10 x 1ml amps
Diazepam rectal tubes 10mg (Stesolid)	1 x 5 10mg tubes
Diclofenac Suppository	10x100mg
Haloperidol Injection 5mg in 1ml (Serenace)	5 x 1ml amps
Hyoscine butylbromide injection 20mg in 1ml (Buscopan)	10 x 1ml amps
Glycopyrronium injection	10 x 1ml amps
Water for injection	30 x 10ml amps
Sodium Chloride 0.9% injection	10 x 10ml amps
Levomoprazine injection 25mg in 1ml (Methotrimeprazine Nozinan)	10 x 1ml amps
Lorazepam 1mg tablets (Genus Brand – as dissolve under tongue)	1x 28
Metoclopramide injection 10mg in 2ml	10 x 2ml amps
Midazolam injection 10mg in 2ml (Hypnovel)* store each strength separately, as per NPSA guidance	10 x 2ml amps
Morphine sulphate oral solution 10mg in 5ml	3 x 100ml
Oxycodone liquid 5mg in 5ml	1 x 250 ml bottle
Oxycodone Injection 10mg/ml	5 x 1ml amps

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Supply with 5ml or 10ml water for injection: PPA will pay on pharmacist's endorsement.

Following NPSA alert pharmacies should risk assess and have procedures in place for safely storing, labelling and supplying diamorphine and midazolam.

* **Note to Prescribers:** a formal risk assessment must be undertaken as per NPSA guidance