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Dear Colleague

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION: ADDITIONS TO PALLIATIVE CARE STOCK LIST

HSCB has agreed a list of medicines and quantities (Appendix 1) to be added to the routine stock holding in all CP Network and Supply pharmacies with immediate effect. The list of first and second line choices has been agreed with input from Trust Palliative Care Pharmacists regionally and anticipates needs of COVID patients and other palliative /end of life scenarios.

Please note choices are oral and topical formulations in order to conserve injectables. We are also aware GPs may contact you ordering large quantities of CDs on stock in anticipation of pandemic. Communication is imminent discouraging stock piling (either in pharmacies or by prescribers) so as clinically appropriate medicines are available via normal supply routes when needed. It is pivotal that we have a co-ordinated approach to this to ensure we have the stock in accessible places, so as patients have the meds they need, at the right time

HSCB are liaising daily with local wholesalers regarding stock availability and are aware a small number of products on the attached list are currently short but will return to the supply chain. Further guidance/additions will be communicated as required.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any queries contact your local HSCB office.

Yours sincerely,



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CC. Palliative Care Pharmacists, all HSC Trusts

APPENDIX 1

EOLC Non-injectable alternatives for community palliative care stock							
Please order first AND second line lists (quantities stated) for Emergency End of Life Care (ELOC)							
1ST LINE				2ND LINE			
Drug	Strength	Pack Size	Notes	Drug	Strength	Pack Size	Notes
Analgesia				Analgesia			
Morphine Sulfate Oral Solution	10mg/5ml	3x100ml & 1x 300ml	Please increase volume of current stock	Paracetamol Soluble Tabs	500mg	100	
Paracetamol Suppositories	500mg	2x10					
Paracetamol tablets	500mg	3x100					
Paracetamol Oral Solution	250mg/5ml	various					
Anxiolytics				Anxiolytics			
Lorazepam Tablets	1mg	28	Suitable brands (Genus, Teva, Lexon, Mylan)	Diazepam Oral Solution/Suspension	10mg/5ml	2x200ml	
Diazepam Tablets	2mg	28		Midazolam Buccal Solution (Epistatus®)	10mg/ml	5ml	Epistatus®
Anti-secretory				Anti-secretory			
Hyoscine Hydrobromide Sublingual Tablets	300 microgram	2x12	Kwells®	Hyoscine Hydrobromide Patch	1mg	2	Scopoderm®
Antiemetics				Antiemetics			
Haloperidol capsules	500microgram	3x28		Haloperidol Oral Solution	5mg/5ml	100ml	
Metoclopramide Tablets	10mg	2x28		Levomopromazine Tablets	25mg	28	if 6mg tablets are unavailable
Prochlorperazine Buccal Tablets	3mg	1x50		Ondansetron Orodispersible Film	4mg	10	
Cyclizine Tablets	50mg	1x100					