

## North Yorkshire and York Places – Guidance on how to obtain urgently required End of Life medicines

Any community pharmacy service can be used to order / obtain end of life drugs in advance (anticipatory drugs) where these are not urgent or immediately required.

Where End of Life drugs are required urgently – access a pharmacy participating in the emergency palliative care drugs in community pharmacy scheme as these are commissioned to stock emergency palliative care drugs:

- [North Yorkshire Place participating pharmacies: emergency palliative care drugs in community pharmacy scheme](#)
- [York Place participating pharmacies: emergency palliative care drugs in community pharmacy scheme](#)
- Other pharmacies may stock palliative care drugs as part of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) palliative and end of life care. Use the NHS find a pharmacy link to locate a pharmacy: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/pharmacy/find-a-pharmacy> The list of palliative care drugs stocked as part of the scheme is listed on pp11-12 [PRN00176-pharmacy-quality-scheme-guidance-23-24-v2.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

Option 1

In hours: Access a community pharmacy (CP) signed up to deliver the emergency palliative care drugs in CP scheme as these are commissioned to stock emergency palliative care drugs (links above) or a dispensing GP practice; Electronic or paper FP10 . Stock cannot always be guaranteed so contact CP or dispensing GP practice in advance to confirm medicine availability

Option 2

If Option 1 is not possible, contact another local CP. If prescription is issued in hours but local CP has closed unexpectedly, try another CP that can provide EoL drugs (see links above). If local pharmacies are closed but OOH GP service is operational, contact local OOH GP service to handover care.  
*Nimbuscare OOH York, Scarborough, Malton, Selby, Whitby 01904 235 356*  
*OOH Harrogate 01423 544235*  
*OOH Hambleton and Richmondshire 01423 544225*

OOH GP

OOH GP – book patient in, clinical care taken over by OOH clinician and supply enabled by patient specific direction or prescription.

Back up option if all other options fail

In hours or OOH - if usual routes have been exhausted and no stock is available, the local hospital pharmacy can be contacted for supply. **This is a last resort.** Any hospital requests must be reported to the NY&Y Medicines Management Team as soon as is practical via [hnyicb-ny.rxline@nhs.net](mailto:hnyicb-ny.rxline@nhs.net) so that stock situations can be urgently reviewed.

Hospital Pharmacy	Opening hrs Mon -Fri	Opening hrs Weekends / Bank Hols	Dispensary contact no	On call pharmacist via switchboard
Scarborough	9am - 5.30pm, cut off 4.45pm	10am-1.45pm, cut off 1pm	01723 342448	01723 368111
York	8.45am - 5.15pm, cut off 4.30pm	10.00am to 1.45pm, cut off 1pm	01904 725736	01904 631313
Harrogate	8.30am -7pm	9am to 2pm	01423 553080	01423 885959
FHN	8:30am - 5pm	Sat: 9am – 1.30pm; Sun: 9am - 12pm; B H: 9am -12.45pm	Not available OOH	Not available OOH

Urgent delivery to the patient must be made by:

- Carer/relative, neighbour, friend
- Community pharmacy delivery service (discretionary)
- GP dispensing practice staff
- Community Nursing service eg District Nurse; Palliative care team; Macmillan Nurse; Marie Curie

Existing guidance and governance arrangements regarding medicines delivery apply and should be in place.

CP emergency palliative care drugs (NB OOH stocks may vary)

Drugs list A

Cyclizine solution for injection 50mg/1ml amps  
Dexamethasone solution for injection 3.3mg/1ml amps  
Haloperidol solution for injection 5mg/1ml amps  
Hyoscine butylbromide solution for injection 20mg/1ml amps  
Levomepromazine solution for injection 25mg/1ml amps  
Metoclopramide solution for injection 10mg/2ml (5mg/ml) amps  
Midazolam solution for injection 10mg/2ml (5mg/ml) amps  
Morphine sulfate solution for injection 10mg/1ml amps  
Morphine sulfate solution injection 30mg/1ml amps  
Oxycodone solution for injection 10mg/1ml amps  
Oxycodone solution for injection 50mg/1ml amps  
Water for Injection 10ml ampoules  
Sodium Chloride 0.9% solution for injection 10ml

Drugs list B (select pharmacies only) include: Alfentanil, Furosemide, Levetiracetam, Octreotide & Ondansetron