

## Quick Reference Guide to Prescribing End of Life Medications

### **EoL Medications needed soon: Anticipatory prescribing (normal WP10)**

Prescribe medications and doses individually tailored to the patient's clinical condition.

Prescriptions will be dispensed as normal by Community Pharmacy.



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### **(EoL) Medications needed but not urgent: Just in Case Bag**

Issue as usual via Community Pharmacy (must allow 72 hours).

Minimise use to preserve stocks.

Different options available within template. Use if no imminent need.



JIC FAQs.docx

NO

### **End of Life (EoL) Medications:** **Needed within 2 hours?**

YES

### **EoL Medications needed urgently (within 2 hours) and not available from Community Pharmacy: Prescribe Just in Time Emergency Medicine Pack (JEMP).**

Follow process [here](#) to request JEMP. The contents and quantities prescribed MUST be EXACTLY as listed on the website. Prescriber must send a copy of the prescription via Hospify app or attached to email

Contact Single Point of Access Hub on 0300 123 4092.

The JEMP will be delivered to the patient within 2 hours of request.

### **Further option for Care homes / hospices: EoL Medications needed immediately or urgent EoL Medications not contained in JEMP:**

Reuse of another patient's medication





Only if needed immediately and all other options not suitable.



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## Guidance to Prescribing End of Life Medications

Until recently prescribing Just in Case bags (JIC) was encouraged, and usually a JIC was considered for any patient with a terminal diagnosis and a prognosis of 3 months or less. However to preserve the supply chain and avoid EOL medications being stored for weeks / months with patients who may never use them there is now a different focus on prescribing EOL medications. Options available:

Scheme	Route and timeframe	Medications	Guidance
Just in Time Emergency Medication Pack (JEMP)	Delivery to the patient within 2 hours. Telephone the control centre, send photo of prescription via HOSPIFY app on phone or attached to an email.	5 specific medications (fixed contents)	Only for immediate, first prescription of EOL meds. Details of full process <a href="https://www.awttc.org/covid-19-eol-medicines-service">https://www.awttc.org/covid-19-eol-medicines-service</a>
Just in Case bag (JIC)	From Community Pharmacy Need to allow for 72 hours to prepare To be used if no imminent need	Choice of medications available, can be adapted for individual patients.	 JIC FAQs.docx
Anticipatory Prescribing	From Community Pharmacy Prescriptions as usual, depending on stock, and whether delivery needed	Anything you anticipate they will need	Consider if on high dose opiates or established on medications not in the JEMP (e.g oxycodone)   All Wales Guidance      Hywel Dda Care Decisions for tSymptom Managem
Re-Issue of End of Life Medications in Care Homes and Hospices	For use within the same care home. Only if all other avenues have failed and waiting 2 hours for a JEMP would leave patient in distress.	End of Life medication only. Need to follow strict criteria in SOP on assessing if medications are appropriate to re-issue.	 All Wales Reuse of EoL Medicines in Ca