



Hospice Emergency Symptom Control Medications Instructions Sheet

The nurse has received orders from your doctor to obtain medicines that can be used to control symptoms you may experience during your illness. By having them in your home before the symptoms occur, we will be able to address the symptoms more quickly. The following medicines have been ordered when indicated by an (X):

_____ **ROXANOL** (liquid morphine) - This is a liquid medicine that can be used to treat pain or shortness of breath. This medicine may be swallowed or placed under the tongue to be absorbed. If you have not been taking pain medicine routinely, you may find this medicine may initially make you sleepy. It can cause constipation. Your nurse will monitor your bowel status and you may need to take a stool softener.

If you have a known allergy to morphine, your doctor may recommend **HYDROMORPHONE LIQUID** (Dilaudid) in place of the morphine. The above information still applies.

Dose: _____

_____ **ATIVAN** (Lorazepam) - This medicine is often used to help you relax and/or assist you to sleep, and may even help you breathe more easily. This medicine may be in pill or liquid form and can be swallowed or placed under the tongue to be absorbed. It may make you sleepy and you might find that your mouth is a little dry.

Dose: _____

_____ **HALDOL** (Haloperidol) - This medicine is often used to help you relax and/or assist you to sleep, and may be helpful in managing your nausea symptoms. This medicine may be in pill or liquid form and can be swallowed or placed under the tongue to be absorbed. It may make you sleepy and you might find that your mouth is a little dry.

Dose: _____

_____ **COMPAZINE** (Prochlorperazine) - This medicine is used to control nausea and/or vomiting. Your nurse may order pills to be taken by mouth or suppositories to be used rectally. This medicine may make you feel sleepy or your mouth may be a little dry.

Dose: _____

_____ **TYLENOL** (Acetaminophen) - This medicine may be used to treat a fever or minor pain. Your nurse may order tablets to be taken by mouth or a suppository to be used rectally.

Dose: _____

_____ **HYOSCYAMINE TABLETS** - This medicine is used to manage excessive secretions. It is placed under the tongue to be absorbed. This medicine can cause the mouth to become dry.

Dose: _____

When you receive these medications, please put them in a safe place, out of reach of children and pets.

If you start to have symptoms, please call the Hospice nurse on call at _____ right away. The nurse will instruct you or your caregiver on which medicine to take and how to use it. The nurse will also notify the doctor that you have started taking the medicine.

If you have questions, day or night, remember that there is a nurse available to answer your questions.