

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 \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)
- The latest Bank Holiday community pharmacy opening times rota for Humber and North Yorkshire ICB can be found at: <https://humberandnorthyorkshire.org.uk/BHrota>

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 EoL drugs (links above - you may need to try more than one) 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, eg pall care scheme CP do not have stock and the prescription is issued in hours, try other local CP not signed up to the pall care scheme. If local pharmacies are closed eg Bank Holidays, check the latest CP opening times rota (link above). Where none are available but GP OOH service is operational, contact local OOH GP service to handover care. See contact details below.
Nimbuscare OOH York, Scarborough, Malton, Selby, Whitby 01904 235 356
OOH Harrogate 01423 544235
OOH Hambleton and Richmondshire 01423 544225

OOH GP

Book patient in, OOH clinician takes over clinical care. Some GP OOH services have EoL drug stock so will prescribe and supply. Where not available, prescription requires presenting at hospital pharmacy.

Back up option if all other options fail

In hours or OOH (with the exception of FHN in OOH period) - 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 so that stock situations can be urgently reviewed.

Hospital Pharmacy	Opening hrs Mon -Fri	Opening hrs Weekends / Bank Holidays (Christmas may vary)	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 -1.45pm, cut off 1pm	01904 725736	01904 631313
Harrogate	8.30am -7pm	9am to 2pm	01423 553080	01423 885959
FHN / James Cook (in hours only)	8:30am - 5pm* *Cut off 1 hr before closing	Sat: 9am – 1.30pm*; Sun: 9am - 12pm*; BH: 9am -12.45pm*. James Cook open til 5pm*	FHN 01609 763153 - Not avlb OOH. James Cook: 01642 850850 - 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