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COMPARATIVE DESCRIPTION OF KITS

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Palliative Medication Mini-Kit

- offers a proactive approach in the provision of care to terminally ill patients who wish to die at home
- is a secured box containing the medications usually required in the final days of a terminally ill patient's life
- contains enough medication to manage the patient at home for 12 to 24 hours, until prescriptions can be filled at the patient's pharmacy or the Emergency Symptom Management Kit arrives
- is determined to be necessary by the community palliative care nurse and/ or the palliative care coordinator following an assessment of the patient
- if placed in a home, will be accessed as necessary by the community palliative care nurse following consultation with a palliative care physician

Emergency Symptom Management Kit

- is available for use in urgent, unanticipated symptom management situations with terminally ill patients who wish to die at home
- is a secured case containing the medications required to manage distressing patient symptoms that may occur suddenly in the terminally ill patient
- includes enough medication to manage the palliative patient's distressing symptoms in the home for up to 48 hours, until prescriptions can be filled at the patient's pharmacy
- is determined to be necessary by the community palliative care nurse and/ or the palliative care coordinator in consultation with the palliative care physician
- is kept at the St. Boniface General Hospital and is to be obtained by the community palliative care nurse through the processes arranged with the palliative care coordinator or palliative care unit