

Collated list of resources for COVID-19 in palliative care

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- [Bulletin board](#) for discussions between palliative care colleagues
- [Document library](#) for other documents donated specifically to us for sharing.

UK resources and guidelines

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| Specific COVID-19 resources | | | | |
| COVID-19 and Palliative, end of life and bereavement care in secondary care | Northern Care Alliance NHS Group and Association for Palliative Medicine | https://apmonline.org | 20 April 2020 (V04) | Live document with regular updates online |
| End of life care guidance when a person is imminently dying from COVID-19 lung disease Alternatives to regular medication normally given via a syringe pump when this is not available | Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care | https://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk | 06 April 2020 03 April 2020 | On-line documents |
| Managing the supportive care needs of those affected by COVID-19 | Collaboration of UK and International palliative care specialists | https://erj.ersjournals.com | 09 April 2020 | Published article in the European Respiratory Journal |
| Caring for your dying relative at home with COVID-19 | Hospice UK | https://www.hospiceuk.org | April 2020 | |
| Community, palliative, end of life and bereavement care in the COVID-19 pandemic Changes to death certification COVID EOLC community charter Guidance on DVA in the context of EOLC in the COVID-19 pandemic | Royal College of General Practitioners | https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk | March 2020 | |

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| COVID-19 rapid guideline NG163: Managing symptoms (including at the end of life) in the community) | NICE | https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19 | 03 April 2020 | Other COVID-19 rapid guidelines include NG159 Critical care NG160 Dialysis service delivery NG161 Delivery of systemic anticancer treatment NG162 Radiotherapy NG164 Haematopoietic stem cell transplantation NG165 Managing suspected or confirmed pneumonia in adults in the community NG166 Severe asthma NG167 Rheumatological autoimmune, inflammatory and metabolic bone disorders NG168 Community-based care of patients with COPD NG169 Dermatological conditions treated with drugs affecting the immune response NG170 Cystic fibrosis Rapid evidence summaries: ES23 Acute use of NSAIDs for people with or at risk of COVID-19 |
| Clinical guide for the management of palliative care in hospital during the coronavirus pandemic Caring for people at highest clinical risk during COVID-19 | NHS England | https://www.england.nhs.uk https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus | 27 March 2020 03 April 2020 | Website contains resources for other specialities in secondary care, e.g. cancer treatment, critical care and radiology. It also contains resources for primary care and community health, social care, mental health trusts and ambulance services |
| Specialty-specific guidance for COVID-19 | Royal College of Physicians | https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk | Various | Links to guidance from NHSE, cardiology, clinical pharmacology, dermatology, endocrinology, forensic & legal medicine, gastroenterology, geriatric medicine, haematology, infectious disease, intensive care, palliative medicine, neurology, renal |

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| Coronavirus (COVID-19) pharmacist updates and information | Royal Pharmaceutical Society | https://www.rpharms.com | Various | |
| Supporting informal carers during the COVID-19 pandemic | British Thoracic Society | https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk | Various | Website also contains other resources for the respiratory community |
| Shielding people with interstitial lung disease | | | | |
| Guidance on lung cancer and mesothelioma | | | | |
| Provision of pleural services during the COVID-19 pandemic | | | | |
| Managing breathlessness at home during the COVID-19 outbreak | Cicely Saunders Institute of Palliative Care | https://www.kcl.ac.uk/cicelysaunders | March 2020 | |
| Response and role of palliative care during the COVID-19 pandemic: a national telephone survey of hospices in Italy | | | | |
| Oxford COVID-19 evidence service | Centre for Evidence Based Medicine | https://www.cebm.net | Various | |
| The top ten messages for supporting healthcare staff during the covid-19 pandemic | Royal College of Psychiatrists | https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk | Not dated | |
| COVID-19 local guidelines | | | | |
| COVID-19 End of life care PGD | Isle of Wight CCG, NHS trust and Mountbatten hospice | https://www.palliativedrugs.com | 31 March 2020 | Available to members on the Document library (Topic COVID-19); PGD checklist also available |
| COVID-19 management of end of life symptoms – community settings | Wessex Palliative Care Physicians | https://www.futureplanning.org.uk | 24 March 2020 | |
| Quick Clinical Guide: Symptom relief in COVID-19 (last days-hours of life) | Nottingham University Hospitals | https://www.palliativedrugs.com | 24 March 2020 | Available to members on the Document library (Topic COVID-19) |
| Coronavirus (COVID-19) electronic learning for health course | NHS Health Education England | https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk | 16 March 2020 | Open access |
| Related useful resources | | | | |
| List of patient resources for breathlessness | Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre, Hull/York Medical School | https://www.hyms.ac.uk | 26 March 2020 | |

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| Carer administration of as-needed subcutaneous injections Practical care for a dying person | Helix project | https://helixcentre.com | Various | End of life care toolkits for carers at home |
| Carer administration of as needed subcutaneous medication for common breakthrough symptoms in home based dying people in Wales (CARIAD package) | Palliative Care Wales | https://wales.pallcare.info | Various | Package of multiple documents available for download |
| Informal carer's administration of as required subcutaneous injections in community palliative care | Derbyshire Alliance for End of Life Care | https://derbyshire.eolcare.uk | 1 April 2019 | Accompanying You Tube videos https://www.youtube.com |
| Policy for patient or carer administration of subcutaneous medication (palliative care) | Harrogate and District NHS CCG | https://www.harrogateandruraldistrictccg.nhs.uk | June 2018 | Also available to members on the http://www.palliativedrugs.com Document library (Topic: Medication issues, Carer administration) along with a PIL and patient consent form |
| Clinical frailty scale | British Geriatrics Society | https://www.bgs.org.uk | 2008 | |

Non-UK resources and guidelines

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| Specific COVID-19 resources | | | | |
| Resources relevant to palliative care and COVID-19 | IAHPC | http://globalpalliativecare.org | Various | Links to resources published by academia, civil society organizations, members states and special agencies of the United Nations |
| Coronavirus and the palliative care response | EAPC | https://www.eapcnet.eu | Various | Regularly updated list of resources from other countries |
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| COVID-19 Response training | Centre to advance palliative care, USA | https://www.capc.org/training | Various | Training courses, protocols and response resources |
| Resources to address coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) | AAHPM | http://aahpm.org | Various | |
| Palliative care in Bologna during the COVID-19 crisis | EAPC blog | https://eapcnet.wordpress.com | 22 March 2020 | Blog report from the front line in Italy |

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| Symptom management for adult patients with COVID-19 receiving end-of-life supportive care outside of the ICU | Informal collaboration of British Columbia doctors and pharmacists, Canada | https://med-fom-fpit.sites.olt.ubc.ca | 22 March 2020 | Evolving document; check website for updates |
| COVID-Ready communication skills | Vitaltalk, USA | https://www.vitaltalk.org | No date | |