

Collated list of resources for COVID-19 in palliative care

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UK resources and guidelines

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<b>Specific COVID-19 resources</b>				
COVID-19 and Palliative, end of life and bereavement care in secondary care	Northern Care Alliance NHS Group and Association for Palliative Medicine	<a href="https://apmonline.org">https://apmonline.org</a>	20 April 2020 (V04)	Live document with regular updates online
Priority medicines for palliative and end of life care during a pandemic	Association for Palliative Medicine, Royal College of General Practitioners, Association of Supportive and Palliative Care Pharmacy, Hospice UK	<a href="https://apmonline.org">https://apmonline.org</a>	01 May 2020	
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	<a href="https://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk">https://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk</a>	06 April 2020  03 April 2020	On-line documents
Coronavirus (COVID-19): reuse of medicines in a care home or hospice	Department of Health and Social Care	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications</a>	23 April 2020	Standard operating procedure
Managing the supportive care needs of those affected by COVID-19	Collaboration of UK and International palliative care specialists	<a href="https://erj.ersjournals.com">https://erj.ersjournals.com</a>	09 April 2020	Published article in the European Respiratory Journal
Caring for your dying relative at home with COVID-19	Hospice UK	<a href="https://www.hospiceuk.org">https://www.hospiceuk.org</a>	April 2020	

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<p>Community, palliative, end of life and bereavement care in the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Changes to death certification</p> <p>COVID EOLC community charter</p> <p>Guidance on DVA in the context of EOLC in the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	Royal College of General Practitioners	<a href="https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk">https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk</a>	March 2020	
<p>COVID-19 rapid guideline NG163: Managing symptoms (including at the end of life) in the community)</p>	NICE	<a href="https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19">https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19</a>	Updated 30 April 2020	<p>Other COVID-19 rapid guidelines include</p> <p>Critical care, Dialysis service delivery, Delivery of systemic anticancer treatment, Radiotherapy, Haematopoietic stem cell transplantation</p> <p>Rapid evidence summaries:</p> <p>ES23 Acute use of NSAIDs for people with or at risk of COVID-19</p>
<p>Clinical guide for the management of palliative care in hospital during the coronavirus pandemic</p> <p>Caring for people at highest clinical risk during COVID-19</p>	NHS England	<p><a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk">https://www.england.nhs.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus">https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus</a></p>	<p>27 March 2020</p> <p>03 April 2020</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Specialty-specific guidance for COVID-19</p>	Royal College of Physicians	<a href="https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk">https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk</a>	Various	<p>Links to guidance from NHSE, cardiology, clinical pharmacology, dermatology, endocrinology, forensic &amp; legal medicine, gastroenterology, geriatric medicine, haematology, infectious disease, intensive care, palliative medicine, neurology, renal medicine, respiratory medicine, rheumatology</p>
<p>RPS guidance on contingency legislation to enable the supply of controlled drugs</p>	Royal Pharmaceutical Society	<a href="https://www.rpharms.com/resources">https://www.rpharms.com/resources</a>	06 May 2020	

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) pharmacist updates and information		<a href="https://www.rpharms.com">https://www.rpharms.com</a>	Various	
Supporting informal carers during the COVID-19 pandemic  Shielding people with interstitial lung disease  Guidance on lung cancer and mesothelioma  Provision of pleural services during the COVID-19 pandemic	British Thoracic Society	<a href="https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk">https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk</a>	Various	Website also contains other resources for the respiratory community
Managing breathlessness at home during the COVID-19 outbreak  Response and role of palliative care during the COVID-19 pandemic: a national telephone survey of hospices in Italy  Oxford COVID-19 evidence service	Cicely Saunders Institute of Palliative Care	<a href="https://www.kcl.ac.uk/cicelysaunders">https://www.kcl.ac.uk/cicelysaunders</a>	March 2020	
The top ten messages for supporting healthcare staff during the covid-19 pandemic	Centre for Evidence Based Medicine	<a href="https://www.cebm.net">https://www.cebm.net</a>	Various	
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources to support staff with difficult conversations and end of life care	Royal College of Psychiatrists	<a href="https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk">https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk</a>	Not dated	
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources to support staff with difficult conversations and end of life care	NHS Health Education England	<a href="https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk">https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk</a>	02 April 2020	Training resource, open access. Other COVID-19 related topics available
<b>COVID-19 local guidelines</b>				
COVID-19 End of life care PGD	Isle of Wight CCG, NHS trust and Mountbatten hospice	<a href="https://www.palliativedrugs.com">https://www.palliativedrugs.com</a>	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	<a href="https://www.futureplanning.org.uk">https://www.futureplanning.org.uk</a>	24 March 2020	
Quick Clinical Guide: Symptom relief in COVID-19 (last days–hours of life)	Nottingham University Hospitals	<a href="https://www.palliativedrugs.com">https://www.palliativedrugs.com</a>	24 March 2020	Available to members on the Document library (Topic COVID-19)
<b>Related useful resources</b>				
A new communication tool to help conversations when staff are wearing PPE	Real Talk	<a href="https://www.realtalktraining.co.uk">https://www.realtalktraining.co.uk</a>	Various	

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<p>How to have urgent conversations about withdrawing and withholding life-sustaining treatments in critical care – including phone and video calls</p> <p>Giving news of a patient's death to a loved one: a one page evidence-based summary for staff</p>				
<p>Mixing critical care injectable medicines together in a syringe during COVID-19</p>	<p>NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sps.nhs.uk">https://www.sps.nhs.uk</a></p>	<p>Updated 15 April 2020</p>	<p>Website also contains other medicines-based resources, including: Preparation of injectable medicines at the ITU bedside Batch worksheets for S10 preparation of injectable medicines for ICU</p>
<p>List of patient resources for breathlessness</p>	<p>Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre, Hull/York Medical School</p>	<p><a href="https://www.hyms.ac.uk">https://www.hyms.ac.uk</a></p>	<p>26 March 2020</p>	
<p>Carer administration of as-needed subcutaneous injections</p> <p>Practical care for a dying person</p>	<p>Helix project</p>	<p><a href="https://helixcentre.com">https://helixcentre.com</a></p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>End of life care toolkits for carers at home</p>
<p>Carer administration of as needed subcutaneous medication for common breakthrough symptoms in home based dying people in Wales (CARiAD package)</p>	<p>Palliative Care Wales</p>	<p><a href="https://wales.pallcare.info">https://wales.pallcare.info</a></p>	<p>Various</p>	<p>Package of multiple documents available for download</p>
<p>Informal carer's administration of as required subcutaneous injections in community palliative care</p>	<p>Derbyshire Alliance for End of Life Care</p>	<p><a href="https://derbyshire.eolcare.uk">https://derbyshire.eolcare.uk</a></p>	<p>1 April 2019</p>	<p>Accompanying You Tube videos <a href="https://www.youtube.com">https://www.youtube.com</a></p>
<p>Policy for patient or carer administration of subcutaneous medication (palliative care)</p>	<p>Harrogate and District NHS CCG</p>	<p><a href="https://www.harrogateandruraldistrictccg.nhs.uk">https://www.harrogateandruraldistrictccg.nhs.uk</a></p>	<p>June 2018</p>	<p>Also available to members on the <a href="http://www.palliativedrugs.com">http://www.palliativedrugs.com</a> Document library (Topic: Medication issues, Carer administration) along with a PIL and patient consent form</p>
<p>Clinical frailty scale</p>	<p>British Geriatrics Society</p>	<p><a href="https://www.bgs.org.uk">https://www.bgs.org.uk</a></p>	<p>2008</p>	

## Non-UK resources and guidelines

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<b>Specific COVID-19 resources</b>				
Resources relevant to palliative care and COVID-19	IAHPC	<a href="http://globalpalliativecare.org">http://globalpalliativecare.org</a>	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	<a href="https://www.eapcnet.eu">https://www.eapcnet.eu</a>	Various	Regularly updated list of resources from other countries
COVID-19 Response training	Centre to advance palliative care, USA	<a href="https://www.capc.org/training">https://www.capc.org/training</a>	Various	Training courses, protocols and response resources
Resources to address coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	AAHPM	<a href="http://aahpm.org">http://aahpm.org</a>	Various	
Palliative care in Bologna during the COVID-19 crisis	EAPC blog	<a href="https://eapcnet.wordpress.com">https://eapcnet.wordpress.com</a>	22 March 2020	Blog report from the front line in Italy
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	<a href="https://med-fom-fpit.sites.olt.ubc.ca">https://med-fom-fpit.sites.olt.ubc.ca</a>	22 March 2020	Evolving document; check website for updates
COVID-Ready communication skills	Vitaltalk, USA	<a href="https://www.vitaltalk.org">https://www.vitaltalk.org</a>	No date	
Pandemic palliative care: beyond ventilators and saving lives	Published article in the Canadian Medical Association Journal	<a href="https://www.cmaj.ca">https://www.cmaj.ca</a>	31 March 2020	COVID-19 palliative care plan tool