

Date:	April 20, 2020
To:	Northern Health Staff and Physicians
From:	Palliative Care Task Group
Re:	Covid-19 Palliative Care Symptom Management – patients outside ICU (Algorithm)

Under the leadership of the UBC Division of Palliative Care, a group of palliative care physicians, pharmacists and other allied health professionals have collaborated to develop a provincial algorithm to provide guidance for primary care providers who are palliating Covid19 patients in acute care and in community. The Northern Health Palliative Care Consultation Team has adapted a provincially developed symptom management algorithm for Northern Health Use. This algorithm has been shared and endorsed by the NH Palliative Care Task Group.

The algorithm is based on provincial palliative care best practices, provincial palliative care symptom guidelines and input from palliative care specialists and will be adapted as necessary. Potential scenarios that may influence required adaptations include:

1. Changes to medication due to availability (alternative medications and dosing information will be added)
2. Emerging best practices based on evidence and clinical experience
3. Changes to the BC Provincial Symptom Guidelines

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