

**Important
information
for you**



Anticipatory Medication Prescribing
In normal renal function
(eGFR>30)

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Syringe Driver and PRN subcutaneous route
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Drug	Usual starting Dose via Syringe Driver/24hrs	PRN Dose	Max dose/24hrs	Purpose
Levomepromazine	6.25mg – 25mg	6.25mg	25mg	Nausea and vomiting
Midazolam	10 - 30mg	2.5 - 5mg	60mg	Agitation/restlessness
Hyoscine Butylbromide	60 – 120mg	20mg	180mg	Respiratory secretions
Morphine	10 – 30mg	2.5 - 5mg* (or 1/6th total daily dose)	N/A	Pain and respiratory distress *Dose for opioid naive patients

Useful Information - Algorithms available on hospice website www.birminghamhospice.org.uk in Professionals section. **West Midlands Palliative Care Physicians Guidelines Jan 2012**

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