



ANTICIPATORY MEDICATIONS AT THE END OF LIFE

Prescription of end of life drugs via the JUST IN CASE 4 CORE DRUGS SCHEME in Primary Care

IDENTIFICATION AND EXPLANATION OF JiC4CDs by GP, DN and/or Community Specialist Palliative Care Nurse

GP and DN identify that patient is thought to be in the last four weeks of life, and JiC4CD medications are needed

Explanation to patients and carers of the purpose and use of the JiC4CD, and given Patient Information Leaflet titled 'Just in Case Four Core

PRESCRIPTION OF JiC4CDs by GP

GP issues FP10 prescription, and marks prescription 'JiC4CD' (so pharmacist aware patient in the JiC4CD scheme), and gives to DN or patient's representative to be presented to a designated community pharmacy

Prescriber also completes the Subcutaneous 'as required' & Syringe Driver Prescription Administration Record (JiC4CD MAR) (which can be obtained from District Nursing Team), and gives to DN or patient's representative to be kept at the patient's home

Prescriber informs the 'out-of-hours service' via Adastra Web that JiC4CD in situ at home

DISPENSING OF JiC4CDs by Designated Community Pharmacy

Designated Community Pharmacist dispenses JiC4CD medication and seals in tamper-evident plastic bag which is labelled on outside with second dispensing label (including patient details and batch number & expiry date of contents)

Pharmacist completes 'JiC4CD Collection and Delivery Form'

DELIVERY OF JiC4CDs TO PATIENT'S HOME by Designated Community Pharmacy or Patient's Representative

Pharmacy deliver, or patient's representative collects the JiC4CD bag

A registered nurse may act as the patient's representative in exceptional situations, as stated in the NMC guidelines (ID needed)

Person collecting the JiC4CD bag signs and dates pharmacy 'JiC4CD Collection and Delivery Form'

STORAGE OF JiC4CDs IN THE PATIENT'S HOME by District Nurse

If the drugs are not used, at least every four weeks, the DN should check seal of bag is intact and expiry dates of drugs

- If the seal is intact and the expiry dates are OK - no further action is needed
- If the seal is intact but the drugs have expired - they must be replaced via GP FP10
- If the seal is not intact and the drugs are not being used - an untoward incident must be completed
- If the seal is not intact and the drugs are being used - record on the JiC4CD MAR

ADMINISTRATION OF JiC4CDs IN THE PATIENT'S HOME by District Nurse

At the onset of symptoms, DN (or GP if administering medication) checks stock levels and record information on page 2 of JiC4CD MAR, administers appropriate medication as prescribed, and documents all drugs administered in JiC4CD MAR

DN can use medication from JiC4CD bag to set up syringe driver, but should liaise with GP to obtain further follow-on supply of drugs asap

If symptoms persist, DN should liaise with GP to establish medication needed for ongoing symptom control

SEEK URGENT REVIEW BY DOCTOR IF SEVERITY OF SYMPTOMS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE, OR CONDITION RAPID DETERIORATES

JiC4CDs ON ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL OR HOSPICE

Patient takes JiC4CD drugs and MAR with them if they are admitted into hospital or hospice

The JiC4CD MAR should be retained with the patient in their medical notes whilst in hospital, and amended as necessary before discharge back

JiC4CDs ON PATIENT'S DEATH

Following the patient's death, any remaining drugs must be destroyed according to local guidance

JiC4CD MAR must be retained with the patient's notes within the care setting that they die for the period specified in Records Management NHS Code of Practice Part 2 (2nd Edition) 2009

DN completes that 'JiC4CD Feedback Form' and returns it to the address stated on the form