

**Always follow local guidelines and discuss with Palliative Care or Senior if unsure**

## **PRN SUBCUTANEOUS MEDICATIONS**

Consider prescribing the following PRN SC medications for symptom relief of patients nearing end of life

### **PAIN / BREATHLESSNESS**

**MORPHINE**  
**2.5-5mg SC Hourly**

### **AGITATION**

**MIDAZOLAM**  
**2.5-5mg SC Hourly**

Caution in Renal / Hepatic failure  
consider alternative i.e Oxycodone

**OXYCODONE**  
**1.25-2.5mg SC Hourly**

### **NAUSEA / VOMITING**

**CYCLIZINE**  
**50mg SC TDS**

### **RESPIRATORY SECRETIONS**

**GLYCOPYRRONIUM**  
**200mcg SC 4 Hourly**  
**Max dose 1.2mg / 24 hours**

**LEVOMEPRMAZINE**  
**6.25mg SC ON**  
**Max dose 25mg SC ON**

**HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE**  
**20mg SC 4 Hourly**  
**Increase to hourly if required**

**HALOPERIDOL**  
**0.5-2.5mg SC Hourly**  
**Max dose 5mg / 24 hours**

**Always consult BNF for dose / administration and contraindications for all above medications**

**Consider use of syringe driver if  
using regular PRN doses**