

**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**

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

**OXYCODONE  
1.25-2.5mg SC Hourly**

### **NAUSEA / VOMITING**

**CYCLIZINE  
50mg SC TDS**

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

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

### **AGITATION**

**MIDAZOLAM  
2.5-5mg SC Hourly**

### **RESPIRATORY SECRETIONS**

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

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

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

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