

So, your patient is dying...

One Chance to Get It Right. Three things you need to do.

PRESCRIBE

Anticipatory meds (+/- syringe pump)

Usually an analgesic, anxiolytic, anti-secretory and antiemetic: there are dozens of possible combinations!

Water for injection

SC needles & syringes

BEAR IN MIND...

Diagnosing dying does not mean that someone is obliged to die*, so if someone improves, celebrate, and be pleased that preparations are all in place to enable co-ordinated care when the end of life does arrive.

PAPERWORK

DNACPR

Drug Chart (with anticipatory meds +/- syringe pump)

Shared Care Plan paperwork if in last days of life (TEP/RESPECT or your local equivalent if not)

AND REMEMBER:

- Find out your local policies, practice and preferred medications
- Prescribe on TTO/TTA or FP10
- Don't forget to prescribe CD quantities in words *and* numerals 🤔

PEOPLE

Family/Carers: ensure they have contact numbers for out-of-hours
District Nurses

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make sure you handover!

GP (and GPOOH) plus any additional systems in use in your health system (e.g. SystemOne/Ambulance)

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