

Caring for the Dying Patient Document

The Caring for the Dying Patient documentation has 4 core components:

- 1. Relatives' / Carers' Contact Information and healthcare professional's signatory information**
- 2. Medical Assessment**
- 3. Initial Holistic Nursing Assessment**
- 4. Daily Ongoing Assessment**

If required, there are also a number of core care plans and resources available

Core Care Plans

- Agitation Core Care Plan
- Communication Core Care Plan
- Dyspnoea Core Care Plan
- Nausea and Vomiting Core Care Plan
- Pain Core Care Plan
- Respiratory Tract Secretions Core Care Plan
- Spirituality Core Care Plan

Resources

- NESCN Community Prescription Chart
- NESCN Palliative and End of Life Care Symptom Control Guidelines
- Caring for the dying patient guidance
- Verification of Expected Death Form
- Care after Death Form
- Understanding What is Happening when Someone is Dying
- 'Grieving' information leaflet
- 24hr communication record for patient/carers

Surname:	Forename:
Address:	D.O.B.
	Patient ID no.:
	NHS no.:

Relatives' / Carers' Contact Information

1st Contact

Name:

Home telephone:

Work telephone:

Mobile telephone:

Relationship:

Times to be contacted Any time

Between specified hours:.....

2nd Contact

Name:

Home telephone:

Work telephone:

Mobile telephone:

Relationship:.....

Times to be contacted Any time

Between specified hours:

Healthcare professionals' signatory information

All personnel completing this document, please sign below (once only)

Date	Print Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)	Signature	Initials	Designation and professional registration number (if applicable)

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