

Palliative Just in Case Symptom Management Kit (JIC SMK)

Eligibility and Opioid Diversion Risk Screen

Background:

The Palliative *Just in Case* Symptom Management Kit is provided to individuals¹ on the palliative program who are approaching the end of life and it is anticipated that they will need an individualized kit of parenteral medications for rapid symptom relief and to support them to stay home.

Eligibility Criteria to receive a JIC SMK:

1. PPS Score (40% or less)
2. Other clinical indications person is nearing End of Life
3. Rapid deteriorating changes (please see process algorithm #821473)
4. Benefit vs risk for opioid diversion has been screened.

Opioid Diversion Risk Screen:

An extensive search of the literature failed to locate a relevant and appropriate screening tool for home environments. In consult with pain experts², we have created the following questions to assist clinicians in screening for potential opioid diversion risks and create a safe plan for JIC SMK in the home. These questions are intended to be used to initiate conversation and not judgement, and guide teams to mitigate any identified risks. Please document responses in the client's electronic chart.

Screening Questions	Responses (this is not a part of the client chart, but is a working sheet for note taking only)
These are strong medications. Do you have any concerns about having this kit in your home? (If concerns are identified, please explore further)	
Do you have any concerns about anyone in your household who drinks or uses drugs excessively?	
Do you have teenagers or any other visitors to your home that you would be concerned about the safety of this kit?	
How do you think you can best secure this kit in your home? (Explore their answer)	
We encourage you to monitor and keep this kit safe but accessible for when or if we need to use it. We will help you to keep it safe. Do you have any other concerns with this approach?	

¹ The individual is registered with the BC Palliative Care Benefits, admitted to the IH Regional Palliative Care Program, desires a home-based palliation and/or death and has the relevant documentation to support this process (e.g., M-category MOST, EDITH) in place

² Dr. Norman Buckley, Micheal G. DeGroot National Pain Centre, McMaster University, pers. comm April 7th, 2020 and Dr. Owen Williamson, Pain Physicians of BC Society (Chair) and Academic Pain Directors of Canada, (Chair) pers. comm. April 9th, 2020