

Early intervention may enable more successful management of this symptom

RESPIRATORY TRACT SECRETIONS

PRESENT

- Explain symptom to family/whānau
- Re-position patient
- If persistent and causing distress move to next step

1. Prescribe Hyoscine Hydrobromide 400mcg stat, then PRN 2-4 hrly up to a maximum dose of 2.4mg/24hrs, or Hyoscine Butylbromide 20mg stat then PRN 4 hrly.
2. Assess – if symptoms persist contact your Specialist Palliative Care Service for further advice.

ABSENT

Anticipatory

1. Prescribe Hyoscine Hydrobromide 400mcg prn 2- 4hrly up to max dose 2.4mg/24hrs or Hyoscine Butylbromide 20mg 4 hrly.

If respiratory tract secretions occur change to symptom "Present" guide.

NB:
S/C (Subcutaneous)
PRN (as required)

Please note: If you require further advice at any time 24hrs a day, 7 days a week please contact your Specialist Palliative Care Service