

Care of the Dying Person – Terminal Phase – Adult PowerPlan

Quick Reference Guide

The **Care of the Dying Person – Terminal Phase – Adult PowerPlan** has been digitally designed based on the Queensland Health Care Plan for the Dying Person to guide care for a person assessed as dying, in the last hours or days of life.

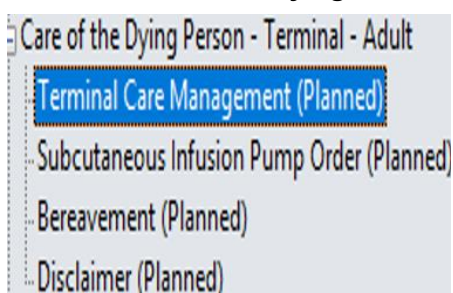
The **Care of the Dying Person – Terminal Phase – Adult PowerPlan** is to be used in conjunction with the **Care Plan for the Dying Person PowerForm** and **Comfort Observations and Symptom Assessment (COSA) Specialty Chart**.

The PowerForm requires a medical officer or nurse practitioner to complete the commencement and initial assessment, including, assessing the person and family/carer wishes, medications to manage symptoms and need for medical interventions.

Ordering the PowerPlan

1. Navigate to Orders

Search Care of the Dying Person



- The **PowerPlan** contains four phases, all ordered separately.
- Select the **Terminal Care Management** phase of the **PowerPlan**, review preselected orders for clinical appropriateness.

Note: The **Palliative Care COSA Adult** order is preselected and will create a task of Care Compass for the nurse to document the COSA Assessment. Ensure the **Palliative Care COSA Adult** speciality chart is selected to display graphical view, trends and escalation alerts.

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Non Categorized

- Review ACP Tracker
- Update Acute Resuscitation Plan / Not for Resuscitation Order as discussed with patient and/or representative
- Ensure the following are current, documented and reviewed:
 - ARPs
 - Advance Care Planning
 - Goals of Care and Ceiling of Care
- Discontinue inappropriate interventions and observations
- Consider referring to the Care Plan for the Dying Person multidisciplinary document as a guide to delivering high quality care
- Ensure the Care Plan for the Dying Person PowerForm is completed when initiating this plan

Patient Care

☒ Palliative Care COSA Adult Ordered 21/07/2026 12:54:00 AEST, 2 hourly

Medications

- Consider ceasing nonessential medications and prescribing appropriate PRN orders
- Review subcutaneous infusion as per local guidelines and patient requirements

Analgesic (high potency opioid)

☐	☒ morphine (morphine hydrochloride 10 mg/mL injectable solution)	Select an order sentence
☐	☒ oxycodone (oxycodone 10 mg/mL injectable solution)	Select an order sentence
☐	☒ fentanyl	Select an order sentence
☐	☒ HYDROMORPHONE (HYDROMORPHONE 2 mg/mL injectable solution)	Select an order sentence

Anticholinergics

☐	☒ hyoscine butylbromide (hyoscine butylbromide 20 mg/mL injectable solution)	Select an order sentence
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Antiemetics

☐	☒ metoclopramide (metoclopramide 10 mg/2 mL injectable solution)	Select an order sentence
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Antipsychotic / Antiemetic

☐	☒ haloperidol (haloperidol 5 mg/mL SHORT-ACTING injection)	Select an order sentence
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Anxiolytic

☐	☒ midazolam	Select an order sentence
☐	☒ CLONAZEPAM	Select an order sentence

Consults/Referrals

- Consider consultation with palliative care team for complex cases
- Follow local referral processes for consults to Palliative Care
- ☒ Consult to Palliative Medicine Palliative Medicine
- ☒ Consult to Counsellor End of life care, Psychology
- ☒ Consult to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officer Palliative/End of life care
- ☒ Consult to Social Work Palliative /End of Life Care

Note: A registered nurse (RN) can order the **Care of the Dying Person – Terminal – Adult PowerPlan** following endorsement by the most senior medical officer (MO) or nurse practitioner (NP). MO/NP only can order the medications and **Subcutaneous Infusion Pump Order** within the PowerPlan.

- Prescribing the medications within the PowerPlan**, the prescriber will tick the box next to the required medication and click the drop-down arrow to select from the order sentence option.

Once the required orders and order sentences are selected, click the **Initiate Now** box.

5. Initiating the Subcutaneous Infusion Pump Order through the PowerPlan

Please ensure that you check your hospital local procedures prior to selecting the order to ensure correct volumes are prescribed. The **Subcutaneous Infusion Pump Order** phase contains two infusion orders:

- 20 mL total volume
- Blank mL total volume

Select the tick box next to the required infusion order and **Right Click** to **select Modify**

Complete the infusion order by reviewing/adding the **total volume** and adding the required sub cut pump additives into the order.

Check any additive compatibilities prior to ordering the **Subcutaneous Infusion Pump Order**.

6. Replicating the Subcutaneous Infusion Pump Order

- Locate the Discontinued phase for **Subcutaneous Infusion Pump Order**

- **Right Click** to **Replicate** phase

7. Initiating the Bereavement phase upon the death of the patient.

Ensure you have discontinued the **Terminal Care Management** and **Subcutaneous Infusion Pump Order** phases of the **PowerPlan**

Review all the orders in the **Bereavement phase** to guide the care after death.

Bereavement phase