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## COVID-19 and Palliative Care

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**COVID-19 and Palliative, end of Life and Bereavement Care in Secondary Care. Role of the specialty and guidance to aid care**

**Source:** Northern Care Alliance / Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain and Ireland.

**Full Text/URL:**

<https://apmonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-and-Palliative-End-of-Life-and-Bereavement-Care-22-March-2020.pdf>

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**Coronavirus and the palliative care response.**

**Source:** European Association for Palliative Care.

**Full Text/URL:** <https://www.eapcnet.eu/publications/coronavirus-and-the-palliative-care-response>

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**COVID-19 rapid guideline: critical care in adults**

**Date:** April 2020.

**Source:** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

**Full Text/URL:**

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng159>

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**COVID-19: Evidence-based advice for difficult conversations**

**Date:** 23 March 2020.

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**Source:** VERDIS 'Real Talk' Project

**Full Text/URL:**

<https://www.realtalktraining.co.uk/covid19-evidence-based-advice-difficult-conversations>

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**End of life care- RCGP resources**

**Source:** Royal College of General Practitioners

**Full Text/URL:** <https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=10537>

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**Facilitating compassionate care for patients dying with COVID-19**

**Date:** 16 April 2020.

**Source:** Infection Prevention Society and British Association of Critical Care Nurses

**Full Text/URL:**

[https://www.ips.uk.net/files/4515/8696/8856/Joint\\_IPS\\_BACCN\\_Position\\_Paper\\_-\\_COVID19\\_Visiting\\_at\\_the\\_End\\_of\\_Life\\_Final.pdf](https://www.ips.uk.net/files/4515/8696/8856/Joint_IPS_BACCN_Position_Paper_-_COVID19_Visiting_at_the_End_of_Life_Final.pdf)

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**Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines**

**Source:** NHS Scotland

**Full Text/URL:** <https://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/covid-19-guidance.aspx>

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**Palliative care and COVID-19.**

**Date:** 19 March 2020.

**Source:** Blog - University of Glasgow End of Life Studies Group.

**Full Text/URL:** <http://endoflifestudies.academicblogs.co.uk/palliative-care-and-covid-19/>  
**The Role of Palliative Care in a COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**Date:** Undated, but on current site.

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**Source:** Blog – Jennifer Moore Ballentine, Executive Director, California State University Shiley Institute for Palliative Care.

**Full Text/URL:** <https://csupalliativecare.org/palliative-care-and-covid-19/>

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**Integrating palliative care and symptom relief into the response to humanitarian emergencies and crises.**

**Date:** 2018.

**Source:** World Health Organization.

**Full Text/URL:**

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/274565/9789241514460-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

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**Coronavirus Guidance (COVID-19).**

**Date:** Undated, but on current site.

**Source:** Hospice UK.

**Full Text/URL:**

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/what-we-offer/clinical-and-care-support/coronavirus-guidance>

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**Specialty guides for patient management during the coronavirus pandemic: Clinical guide for the management of palliative care in the hospital during coronavirus pandemic.**

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Version 1.

**Source:** NHS England and NHS Improvement

**Full Text/URL:**

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/04/C0081-AMENDED-Speciality-guide-Palliative-care-and-coronavirus-v2-2020-04-22.pdf>

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**COVID-19: decision making and palliative care.**

**Author(s):** Borasio GD, Gamondi C, Obrist M, Jox R, For The Covid Task Force of Palliative Ch.

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**Citation:** Swiss Med Wkly. 2020;150:w20233. Published 2020 Mar 24.

**Source:** Google.

**Full Text/URL:** <https://doi.org/10.4414/smw.2020.20233>

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**Response and role of palliative care during the COVID-19 pandemic: a national telephone survey of hospices in Italy.**

**Author(s):** Costantini, M., Sleeman, K. E., Peruselli, C., & Higginson, I. J.

**Citation:** medRxiv PREPRINT. 2020.

**Source:** medRxiv – Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory / BMJ / Yale University.

**Full Text/URL:**

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/medrxiv/early/2020/03/20/2020.03.18.20038448.full.pdf>

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**COVID-19 pandemic: palliative care for elderly and frail patients at home and in residential and nursing homes.**

**Author(s):** Kunz R, Minder M.

**Citation:** Swiss Med Wkly. 2020;150:w20235. Published 2020 Mar 24.

**Source:** Google.

**Full Text/URL:** <https://doi.org/10.4414/smw.2020.20235>

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### **Published Articles**

**End-of-life decisions and care in the midst of a global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic**

Intensive and critical care nursing: 2 Apr 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0964339720300653?via%3Dihub>

**Grief During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Considerations for Palliative Care Providers**

Journal of pain and symptom management: 13 Apr 2020

[https://www.jpmsjournal.com/article/S0885-3924\(20\)30207-4/pdf](https://www.jpmsjournal.com/article/S0885-3924(20)30207-4/pdf)

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**Conservative management of Covid-19 patients - emergency palliative care in action.**

Journal of Pain and Symptom Management: 27 Mar 2020

[https://www.jpmsjournal.com/article/S0885-3924\(20\)30183-4/pdf](https://www.jpmsjournal.com/article/S0885-3924(20)30183-4/pdf)

**Pandemic palliative care: beyond ventilators and saving lives**

CMAJ: 14 Apr 2020

<https://www.cmaj.ca/content/192/15/E400>

**Rapid Implementation of Inpatient Telepalliative Medicine Consultations During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Journal of Pain and Symptom Management: 27 Mar 2020

[https://www.jpmsjournal.com/article/S0885-3924\(20\)30195-0/pdf](https://www.jpmsjournal.com/article/S0885-3924(20)30195-0/pdf)

**Creating a Palliative Care Inpatient Response Plan for COVID19 - The UW Medicine Experience**

**Author(s):** Fausto J.; Hirano L.; Owens D.; Lam D.; Mehta A.; Perry E.; Mills B.; Curtis J.R.

**Source:** Journal of pain and symptom management; Mar 2020

**Publication Date:** Mar 2020

**Publication Type(s):** Article

**PubMedID:** 32240754

**Abstract:**INTRODUCTION: The COVID-19 pandemic is stressing healthcare systems throughout the world. Significant numbers of patients are being admitted to the hospital with severe illness, often in the setting of advanced age and underlying co-morbidities. Therefore, palliative care is an important part of the response to this pandemic. The Seattle area and UW Medicine have been on the forefront of the pandemic in the US. METHOD(S): UW Medicine developed a strategy to implement a palliative care response for a multi-hospital healthcare system that incorporates conventional capacity, contingency capacity, and crisis capacity. The strategy was developed by our palliative care programs with input from the healthcare system leadership. RESULT(S): In this publication, we share our multi-faceted strategy to implement high-quality palliative care in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic that incorporates conventional, contingency, and crisis capacity and focuses on the areas of the hospital caring for the most patients: the emergency department, the intensive care units, and the acute care services. The strategy focuses on key content areas including identifying and addressing goals of care, addressing moderate and severe symptoms, and supporting family members. CONCLUSION(S): Strategy planning for delivery of high-quality palliative care in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic represents an important area of need for our healthcare systems. We share our experiences developing such a strategy to help other institutions conduct and adapt such strategies more quickly. Copyright © 2020. Published by Elsevier Inc.

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**Telemedicine in the Time of Coronavirus**

**Author(s):** Calton B.; Abedini N.; Fratkin M.

**Source:** Journal of pain and symptom management; Mar 2020

**Publication Date:** Mar 2020

**Publication Type(s):** Article

**PubMedID:** 32240756

**Abstract:** Within weeks, COVID-19 has transformed our practice of palliative care and clinical medicine as we know it. Telemedicine has emerged as a critical technology to bring medical care to patients while attempting to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 among patients, families, and clinicians. It is also increasingly necessary to preserve scarce resources like personal protective equipment. In this article, we share just-in-time tips to support palliative care clinicians and program leaders in providing the best care possible by telemedicine. These quick, practical tips cover telemedicine set-up, patient considerations, and clinician considerations. Next steps include ensuring equitable access to affordable telemedicine technology for vulnerable populations through creative solutions and financing, and dedicated attention to telemedicine evaluation and quality improvement. Copyright © 2020. Published by Elsevier Inc.

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**Applying Palliative Care Principles to Communicate with Children about COVID-19**

**Author(s):** Weaver M.S.; Wiener L.

**Source:** Journal of pain and symptom management; Mar 2020

**Publication Date:** Mar 2020

**Publication Type(s):** Article

**PubMedID:** 32240751

**Abstract:** Children are seeing rapid changes to their routines and facing an unpredictable future. Palliative care teams may consider expanding their communication training and skillsets to help families consider caring ways to communicate with their children and grandchildren about the coronavirus. Palliative care teams are wise to encourage families to ground their communication with children on key values: honesty and trust, self-compassion, safety, sensitivity, connection, preparedness, community-building, recognition of death as a part of the lifecycle, and legacy. Copyright © 2020. Published by Elsevier Inc.

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**Palliative Care Pandemic Pack: a Specialist Palliative Care Service response to planning the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Author(s):** Ferguson L.; Barham D.

**Source:** Journal of pain and symptom management; Apr 2020



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**Publication Date:** Apr 2020

**Publication Type(s):** Article

**PubMedID:** 32247056

**Abstract:**Specialist Palliative Care services (SPCS) have a vital role to play in the global COVID-19 pandemic. Core expertise in complex symptom management, decision-making in uncertainty, advocacy and education, and ensuring a compassionate response are essential, and SPCS are well positioned to take a proactive approach in crisis management planning. SPCS resource capacity is likely to be overwhelmed, and consideration needs to be given to empowering and supporting high-quality primary palliative care in all care locations. Our local SPCS have developed a Palliative Care Pandemic Pack to disseminate succinct and specific information, guidance, and resources designed to enable the rapid up-skilling of non-specialist clinicians needing to provide palliative care. It may be a useful tool for our SPCS colleagues to adapt as we face this global challenge collaboratively. Copyright © 2020. Published by Elsevier Inc.

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### **Palliative care and the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Author(s):** The Lancet

**Source:** The Lancet; Apr 2020; vol. 395 (no. 10231); p. 1168

**Publication Date:** Apr 2020

**Publication Type(s):** Editorial

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