



St Margaret's
Hospice Care

Just in case box

Information about what's in your
'Just in case' box and how to look after it



Just in Case

Please return to the District Nurses when no longer required

What is a 'Just in case' box?

A 'Just in case' box contains a small supply of medicines that is kept in your home just in case you need it one day. The drugs it contains can be difficult to get in a hurry, particularly at night or at weekends. It is therefore sensible to have them ready - just in case.

The medicines can only be given by a nurse, doctor, or paramedic emergency care practitioner.

What is in a 'Just in case box'?

In your just in case box there are some small boxes containing ampoules of several different medicines, and some information for the nurses and doctors.

There may also be a medicine administration sheet, authorising your community nurse, district nurse or a paramedic emergency care practitioner to give you medication by injection if you need it.

What are the different medicines for?

The medicines will vary from patient to patient. You may not need any of them, but just in case, the most common ones are shown in the blue box below.

Diamorphine or other strong opioid/pain killer	For pain and shortness of breath
Cyclizine	For sickness
Levomepromazine	For sickness and restlessness
Hyoscine	For secretions in the throat
Midazolam	For restlessness and shortness of breath

How do I look after my 'Just in case' box?

The medicines in the box have been prescribed for you, and should not be given to anyone else. They don't need to be kept in the fridge, but should be kept in a safe place, out of the reach of children.

If the medicines are not required, they should be returned to your chemist.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about your 'Just in case' box, do feel free to ask your community nurse, district nurse or GP.

Feedback - we welcome your compliments and complaints

We are keen to develop and improve our services and welcome positive and negative feedback, including any concerns you may have. You can:

- Speak to any member of the team either in person or over the phone by calling our 24-hour adviceline on **01823 333822** or **01935 709480**
- Email us at **feedback@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk** or through our website
- Formal complaints should be addressed to the Chief Executive



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