General Note

NHS Fife supports the supply of Just in Case (JIC) boxes to patients in the community via the Network of Palliative Care Community Pharmacies. JIC relies on appropriate anticipatory prescribing and forms part of wider anticipatory care planning processes.

Anticipatory prescribing may be done at anytime and does not depend on the use of Just in Case Boxes.

Patients with a terminal illness often experience new or worsening symptoms. A JIC box should be provided in advance, where a need for subcutaneous medication is anticipated, but BEFORE the patient has reached the stage where they become symptomatic or require intensive input e.g. a syringe pump has already been set-up or will be required immediately. This process must be followed by all professionals in line with NHS Fife Safe and Secure Use of Medicines Policy and Procedures (SSUMPP).
### The only medicines that can be made available through a JIC box are:

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**All 4 medicines (one for each indication) and WFI must be prescribed unless there is a good reason to omit a particular drug. Prescribe full original packs or multiples thereof.**

**Additional Midazolam can be added as an optional separate item for those at risk of terminal haemorrhage.**

| Midazolam                       | 5mg/ml        | 2 x 2ml amps | 10mg intramuscularly as a single dose for a severe acute bleed | Terminal Haemorrhage |

1.0 **FUNCTION**
1.1 To ensure the safe, secure and appropriate supply of Just in Case Boxes and the medicines contained within them to community patients in Fife.

2.0 **LOCATION**
2.1 All NHS Fife locations, including patient’s own homes, residential care homes and palliative care network pharmacies where Just in Case Boxes are ordered, supplied, stored or administered. **Please note** – JIC boxes are no longer considered suitable for nursing home patients; anticipatory prescribing should still be carried out for nursing homes as appropriate.

3.0 **RESPONSIBILITY**
3.1 All NHS Fife Community Pharmacy, General Practice, Hospital at Home and Community Nursing staff who prescribe supply or administer medicines for JIC must follow this procedure.

3.2 Community Nurse/Specialist Palliative Care Nurse/Heart Failure Nurse/ Hospital at Home/General Practitioner are responsible for identifying patients suitable for anticipatory prescribing, and discussing the principle of medication use with the...
patient and their family. A risk assessment must be carried out as part of the decision making process to ensure placing a JIC box in the patient’s home does not introduce an unacceptable risk.

3.3 Prescribers must complete the appropriate prescriptions and anticipatory kardex and must ensure that a note has been added to eKIS / ePCS to indicate the patient has a JIC box at home.

3.4 Hospital at Home Teams must contact the patient’s GP prior to discharge if placing a JIC box in the patient’s home. The GP practice must ensure JIC is included in ePCS.

4.0 OPERATIONAL SYSTEM

4.1 GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP) / HOSPITAL AT HOME (H@H) PRESCRIBER / APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBER

4.1.1 Once agreement has been reached with nursing staff, the patient and their carers, that the patient would benefit from a JIC box the prescriber must:

- Select the appropriate medicines from the table above.
- Prescribe these for the patient on either a GP10 or Blue HBP10.
- EMIS practices can choose ‘JIC’ through synonyms to enable selection of medicines required.
- Ensure appropriate quantities are prescribed as full packs (except Midazolam for terminal haemorrhage).
- Complete an ‘As Required & Anticipatory Medication’ Kardex (appendix 1). Guidance on the use of the Anticipatory Prescription Kardex is available at appendix 2. Guidance on prescribing is available at appendix 3.
- GP practices and H@H teams have been given a supply of pre-printed Kardexes. A PDF version of the kardex is also available through all GP Practice Managers.
- Ensure a palliative care note is added to eKIS / ePCS to indicate the patient has a JIC box at home.
- Consider whether or not this patient is likely to require oxygen – See SOP- P6-8 ‘Supply of Emergency Oxygen Concentrator by NHS Fife General Practitioners during the in-hours period to enable end of life care to continue at home’ for Guidance.
- If the patient is at risk of a massive terminal haemorrhage –please consider a separate prescription for two ampoules of Midazolam 10mg/2ml. Ten milligrams should be administered intramuscularly as a ‘once only’ dose. This item should be added to the Anticipatory kardex and will be supplied as an individual item in the JIC box. For further information on terminal haemorrhage see Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines http://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/guidelines/palliative-emergencies/Bleeding.aspx

4.1.2 If the patient is prescribed a regular opioid analgesic and the dose is changed, the dosage of the subcutaneous analgesic included in the JIC box must also be reviewed. If a new prescription is required see section 4.3.9.

4.1.3 If any doses in the JIC box need to be changed the Anticipatory Kardex must be updated by a prescriber. The previous dose should be discontinued on the
Anticipatory Kardex and the new dose prescribed in a blank section. An additional Anticipatory Kardex may be used if necessary.

4.1.4 **When a syringe pump is initiated the orange / red box is no longer required.**

ALL medication must be reviewed and removed from the JIC box and should be used as follows:

- The running balance of any medicines required in the syringe pump should be transferred to the ‘Syringe Pump - Monitoring and Stock Review Chart for Patients at Home’
- Complete the ‘As Required & Anticipatory Medication’ Kardex clearly annotating the balance of those drugs that have been transferred to the ‘Syringe Pump Monitoring and Stock Review Chart for Patients at Home’ marking the running balance as appropriate.
- **All medicines not needed for the syringe pump, should be kept for PRN use.**
- The JIC Anticipatory Kardex SHOULD continue to be used for this
- Inform the GP practice to ensure eKIS/ePCS is updated showing that a syringe pump is now in place.
- The JIC box minus the medicines should be returned to the supplying pharmacy.
- The electronic special note/patient alert form must be altered to show that a syringe pump is in now in place.

4.2 **COMMUNITY PHARMACY**

4.2.1 On receipt of GP10/HBP10 and completed ‘As Required & Anticipatory Medication’ Kardex, an appropriate member of the pharmacy team must dispense and label the prescribed medication and add any required sundries (appendix 4) into a JIC box.

- If a prescription for a ‘once only’ intramuscular dose of midazolam has been included it should be dispensed, labelled and placed in the appropriate bag (see appendix 4).
- The smaller JIC box should be used when JIC is required for a patient in a residential care home to enable it to be locked into their CD cupboard; this should be agreed with the appropriate staff.
- If the box will not fit into the CD cupboard of the residential care home please supply the JIC box with the sundries and supply the medicines separately in a prescription bag.

**NB. Patients residing in a nursing home should no longer have their anticipatory medicines supplied via the JIC system. For a current list of nursing homes please contact pharmacy services 01383 565351.**

4.2.2 The following paperwork must be completed and placed in a **VERY CLEARLY MARKED** envelope for the attention of Community Nursing staff:

- As Required & Anticipatory Medication’ Kardex (appendix 1), with all details completed including entry of each drug opening balance
- Guide for Staff Administering ‘JIC’ Medicines’ (appendix 5)
- Flow Chart (appendix 6)
- A JIC sticker must be placed on the outside of the envelope to assist staff in identifying the paperwork.
- Supply a small (0.6L) sharps container with each JIC box

4.2.3 A final check must be carried out by the Pharmacist and the box must be secured with a green seal.
- The JIC box should be placed in an appropriate bag to maintain confidentiality, and be ready for delivery/uplift.
- The envelope containing the nursing documents must be sent with, but not inside, the JIC box. Where possible it should be attached with an elastic band or a hole can be punched in the corner of the envelope and it can be attached to the green seal before it is attached to the box.

4.2.4 The JIC tracking form (appendix 7) must be completed. This form must include the expiry date of all medicines included the supplied JIC. A sticker showing the expiry date of the first item must be attached to the patient label tag on the JIC box handle. Ensure that no sundry items expire before the first medicine expires.

4.2.5 Confirm arrangements with the family/carer for uplift/delivery of the JIC box and the envelope containing the paperwork, to the patient. If this is not possible alternative arrangements should be made either by the Pharmacy or with the Community Nursing / Hospital at Home staff for uplift or delivery of the JIC box.

4.2.6 A Claim Form (appendix 8) must be completed and returned to Pharmacy Services, Pentland House, Lynebank Hospital whenever a JIC box is supplied to a patient. If the box is returned to the Community Pharmacy to be re-filled for the same patient a new claim form can be submitted to Pharmacy Services.

4.2.7 Where possible a Palliative Care Network Pharmacy should inform the relevant non-network pharmacy if they have issued a JIC box to one of their patients.

4.2.8 For tracking purposes - it is recommended that on a minimum 3 monthly basis, where JIC is in place, the Pharmacy contact the GP practice to confirm whether it is still required and to prompt, where appropriate, a review of the contents. In some cases it may be possible to do this via the Community Nurse or relative/carer. This should be logged on the Tracking Form. A check must also be carried out to ensure that the box is not out-with the date of the first item to expire. If any item is due to expire the pharmacy should work with the prescriber to have the content of the JIC box reviewed and to obtain new prescriptions if required to replace expired medicines.

4.2.9 Where a JIC box is no longer required arrangements must be made with relatives/carer or nursing staff for return/uplift. Where possible nursing staff will secure the box with a red seal prior to return.

4.2.10 When JIC is no longer required and the box is not returned to the supplying Pharmacy, and after efforts made to retrieve it have failed, the Community Pharmacy must inform Pharmacy Services as soon as possible to allow an investigation to be undertaken.

4.2.11 Should the contents of the JIC box for a patient require to be altered and re-supplied to the same patient:

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• A new GP10/ HBP10 and an updated Kardex signed by the prescriber are required for the updated item.
• The complete JIC box including all medicines should be returned to the pharmacy for reissue.
• The pharmacy will update the running balance on the Kardex and replenish sundries. Dates on the JIC tracking form should be updated if required.
• Any item returned that is no longer required should be destroyed appropriately.
• The updated paperwork and JIC box must be issued to nursing staff / carer as soon as possible.
• A Claim form must be submitted to Pharmacy Services for payment to be made.

4.2.12 Preparing returned boxes for re-use:
• On return/uplift of a JIC box, an appropriate member of the pharmacy team will remove and check the contents of the box. Unused medicines will be destroyed in accordance with national guidance.
• For Infection Control purposes, JIC boxes require to be cleaned with a solution of Hypochlorite rinsed and dried. Staff carrying out this procedure must ensure they comply with COSHH requirements – hypochlorite tablets and COSHH guidance can be requested from Pharmacy Services.
• In preparation for next use, refill the box with any sundries required (supplied by Pharmacy Services). If the box has not been used and the packaging of the sundries is undamaged they may be re-used.

4.3 COMMUNITY NURSING/ H@H/ MEDICAL STAFF

4.3.1 Advise patient/carer on the rationale for using JIC and safe storage of the box. Give patient/carer a copy of ‘Information for Patients and Carers' leaflet (Appendix 9).

4.3.2 Arrangements must be made for the delivery of the JIC box to the patient's home:
• The relatives/carer should collect the box/ paperwork from the pharmacy if possible or appropriate.
• The Community Nurse, H@H or Pharmacy may be required to deliver the box & paperwork to the patient's home if the relative/ carer cannot uplift it.

4.3.3 The ‘As Required & Anticipatory Medication’ Kardex (appendix 1), Guide for Staff Administering JIC Medicines (appendix 5) and Flow Chart (appendix 6) will be in an envelope and will be delivered/collected with the JIC box.

• The supply of the JIC box should be recorded on the ‘Nursing Record’ for the patient. A JIC sticker can be placed on the outside of the ‘Nursing Record' to alert all NHS Fife staff that JIC is in place; stickers can be requested from Pharmacy Service 01383 565351.

• In a residential care home you may find the medicines have been supplied in a separate prescription bag out with the JIC box and sundries. This is to allow storage of medicines in the CD cupboard when the JIC box does not fit. The box containing the sundries should be stored nearby.
4.3.4 If the JIC box is required to be used:
- Break the seal
- Administer the appropriate medication as prescribed on the Kardex, sign and update the running balance on the Kardex and record the use of the box in the ‘Nursing Record’.
- Administration must be recorded in the care home controlled drug register if morphine or oxycodone is being administered in a residential care home.

4.3.5 After each use, replace any unused medication and sundries back into the JIC box and reseal with a red seal.

4.3.6 After any use of the JIC box a review of the patient’s current medication requirements should be considered however, prescribing for a patient must be reviewed where an individual JIC box has been accessed 3 times. **Until prescribing can be reviewed or where new prescriptions are awaited continue to use JIC to meet patient need.**

4.3.7 If at any point the patient’s regular oral analgesic dose is changed the dosage of the PRN subcutaneous analgesic included in the JIC box must also be reviewed.

4.3.8 A winged infusion device (BD Saf-T-Intima™) is included in the JIC box to avoid repeated subcutaneous injections. For information on its use refer to NHS Fife wide clinical procedure on the management CME T34 syringe pump (FWP-PS-01 section 4.5).

4.3.9 Should the contents of the JIC box for a patient require to be altered and re-supplied to the same patient:
- A new prescription for the item requiring re-supply / change must be issued and the ‘As Required & Anticipatory Medication’ Kardex must be updated by a prescriber.
- The JIC box including all medication should be returned to the pharmacy for the change to be made. Sundries will be replenished, new prescription items added and running balances on the Kardex updated.
- With the patient / carers permission items no longer required will be retained in the pharmacy for destruction.
- Arrangements should be made for the box to be returned to the patient’s home as soon as possible.

4.3.10 INITIATING A SYRINGE PUMP

When a syringe pump is initiated the orange / red box is no longer required. ALL medication must be reviewed and removed from the JIC box and should be used as follows:
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• Inform the GP practice to ensure eKIS/ePCS is updated showing that a syringe pump is now in place.
• The JIC box minus the medicines should be returned to the supplying pharmacy.
• The electronic special note / patient alert form must be altered to show that a syringe pump is in now in place.

4.3.11 When a JIC box containing medicines is no longer required:
• Complete the ‘As Required & Anticipatory Medication’ Kardex showing the balance returned to pharmacy.
• Secure the box with a red seal if available.
• Whenever possible inform the supplying network pharmacy that use of the box is complete.
• Arrange with the relative/carer to return the box to the network pharmacy. If this is not practical the box can be returned by any healthcare professional in accordance with NHS Fife SSUMPP section 27 - Controlled Drugs. If appropriate the network pharmacy can be contacted to uplift it.
• It is essential that the box is returned to a network pharmacy, if there is concern about the JIC box whereabouts contact the supplying pharmacy or Pharmacy Services, Pentland House, Lynebank Hospital, 01383 565351.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT
NHS Fife Pharmacy is responsible for the oversight of the use of this SOP. This is done through audit in Community Pharmacies and review of any incidents through DATIX.

6.0 RELEVANT DOCUMENTS / APPENDICES
6.1 Appendix 1 - As Required and Anticipatory Medication Kardex
6.2 Appendix 2 - Guide to completing the ‘As Required and Anticipatory Medication Kardex’
6.3 Appendix 3 - Guide for Prescribing JIC Medicines
6.4 Appendix 4 - Sundries / JIC box Contents List
6.5 Appendix 5 - Guide for Administering JIC Medicines
6.6 Appendix 6 - Flow Chart Guide to JIC
6.7 Appendix 7 - JIC Box Tracking Form
6.8 Appendix 8 - NHS Fife Claim Form
6.9 Appendix 9 - Information for Patients and Carers Leaflet
6.10 Appendix 10 - Network of Palliative Care Community Pharmacies

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7.0 REFERENCES and RELATED DOCUMENTS

7.1 NHS Fife Safe and Secure Use of Medicines Policy and Procedures (SSUMPP)

7.2 Living and Dying Well

7.3 NHS Fife SOP 6-8 – General Practice Access to Oxygen Concentrators

7.4 Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines. 2015. (updated version will be available Spring 2019)
Available at: https://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/
APPENDIX 1

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For opioid dosing use Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines at [http://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/](http://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/)
For NHS Fife Palliative care advice contact 01592 648072 or, if it is internal, 28072.

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**Guidance on the use of the ‘As Required and Anticipatory’ Kardex**

This document allows consistent anticipatory prescribing of medicines that may be required by patients with palliative care needs. It complements the use of the ‘Just in Case’ boxes supplied to some patients and reflects the medicines included within these boxes. The medicines chosen are based on the Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines as adopted by NHS Fife. The prescription Kardex will sit in the patient’s care plan and allow administration of the medicines prescribed should they be needed.

The prescriber should sign and date suitable medicines on the prescription Kardex. Only medicines that have been signed and dated by the prescriber can be administered by community nursing staff. If a medicine is to be stopped or the dose amended a line should be drawn across the prescription box without obliteratoring what has been written, and a vertical line drawn down the last administration time, then a double diagonal line, the date of discontinuation and the signature of a prescriber.

Because the choice and dose of PRN opioid is patient specific and depends on their current regular opioid prescription, the prescriber is asked to choose between morphine and oxycodone and select an appropriate dose. This should be added to the opioid prescription section as indicated on the Kardex. For those already taking regular oral opioids, the oral breakthrough dose should be calculated as a sixth to a tenth of the total 24 hour dose. Oral morphine or oxycodone doses should be converted to a subcutaneous equivalent by dividing by two. If a patient’s regular dose of analgesia changes the breakthrough dose of analgesic should be reviewed and reflect this dose change.

Example PRN schedules are detailed below as a guide and further information can be found in Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines – Choosing and Changing Opioids.

Quick Guide to Breakthrough Dosing of Analgesia based on a patient’s regular analgesic intake:

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For further information on dose equivalence see Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines. 2015. Available at: [www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk)
**Appendix 3  GUIDE FOR PRESCRIBING ‘JUST IN CASE’ MEDICINES**

The following is a guide to prescribing the medicines contained within the NHS Fife Just in Case Box. They should be prescribed as part of an overall anticipatory care plan for patients with advancing disease resident in their own home or within a residential care setting. They are intended for the management of the patient at times of distress and will allow attending staff to administer appropriate medicines. The medicines have been chosen to reflect current guidance. The patient should be assessed and regular medicines reviewed at the earliest opportunity after the initial event. This may necessitate use of a syringe pump for drug delivery. If 2-3 ‘when required’ doses have been administered consider review of regular medicines or use of a syringe pump if appropriate.

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| **PAIN**           | Morphine: 1st choice option; if opioid naïve prescribe a 2mg subcutaneous dose; for patients using regular oral morphine use an ‘as required’ dose of \( \frac{1}{6} \) to \( \frac{1}{10} \) th of the current 24 hour dose, (to convert from oral morphine to subcutaneous morphine divide by 2).  
  e.g. Oral Morphine modified release 60mg twice daily = 10mg Morphine Sulphate when required subcutaneously. |
|                    | Oxycodone: 2nd choice for patients intolerant of morphine e.g. vomiting, drowsiness, confusion, hallucinations.  
  For patients using regular oral Oxycodone use an ‘as required’ dose of \( \frac{1}{6} \) th to \( \frac{1}{10} \) th of the current 24hour dose, (to convert from oral Oxycodone to subcutaneous oxycodone divide by 2)  
  e.g. MR Oxycodone 30mg twice daily = 5mg Oxycodone injection when required subcutaneously. |
| **TERMINAL**       | Midazolam 2mg subcutaneously repeated hourly up to 3 times  
  Sedative, anticonvulsant and muscle relaxant. If hallucinations and paranoia are a feature Haloperidol 0.5 - 2.5mgs subcutaneously may be more effective  
  Useful if patient is anxious / frightened or when sedation is necessary. |
| **RESTLESSNESS**   | Hyoscine Butylbromide subcutaneously 20mg when required repeated hourly up to 3 times.  
  Used to dry respiratory secretions and relieve colic  
  Hyoscine Butylbromide 60-120mg/24 hrs subcutaneous via syringe pump |
| **& AGITATION**    | Choose Cyclizine 50mg subcutaneously for nausea associated with raised intracranial pressure, recent head / neck radiotherapy, brain / meningeal disease, vestibular / movement related, hepatic related.  
  Could be repeated after 8 hours up to 150mg / day  
  Consider syringe pump dose 150mg/24 hours if effective.  
  Consider Levomepromazine if not effective. |
| **& VOMITING**     | Choose Levomepromazine 2.5mg subcutaneously for nausea and vomiting associated with conditions other than highlighted above.  
  Effective at low doses without causing undue sedation. Larger doses also used for terminal agitation.  
  May be repeated after 12 hours. Consider a syringe pump if effective (5-25mg / day)  
  If already taking oral levomepromazine the equivalent subcutaneous dose should be divided by 2. |
| **DYSPNOEA**       | Use the same dose and choice of opioid as for pain. |

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## Appendix 4

### JIC BOX SUNDRIES LIST

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**Box Tags**

- The Patient Label Tag must be attached to the outside handle of the JIC.

**Seals & Tags**

- 1 x **GREEN** seal to seal box before it leaves Pharmacy
- 6 x **RED** seals
  - Placed inside JIC box in tray insert.
  - Black bag for Major Bleed dose if required

**Additional Items**

- 1 x individual x 365 film dressings size 6x7cm
- 1 x BIONECTOR
- Small Sharps Container (0.6l) with each JIC Box

For further sundries supplies please contact Pharmacy Services Tel: 01383 565351

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Guide for Staff Administering ‘Just in Case Medicines’

The following is a guide to the use of the medicines contained within the NHS Fife Just in Case Box. It is intended for the immediate (or rapid / crisis) management of the patient at times of distress and supports assessment of effectiveness of the intervention used. The regular (prescribed) medicines must be reviewed at the earliest opportunity after the initial event/crisis. If 2 - 3 ‘when required’ (PRN) doses have been administered consider use of a syringe pump.

Patient develops symptoms that require (crisis) management

- **PAIN**
  - If already taking regular opioid the ‘when required’ dose of Morphine / Oxycodone should be $\frac{1}{6}$th (one sixth) to $\frac{1}{10}$th (one tenth) of daily dose. Half the dose of oral Morphine / Oxycodone when converting to the subcutaneous route.
  - Assess analgesic response and respiratory rate after 1 hour. If no response administer a further dose. If respiratory rate $< 8$/min refer to doctor.
  - If no response after second dose refer to doctor.

- **TERMINAL RESTLESSNESS & AGITATION**
  - Give Midazolam 2mg subcutaneously.
  - Assess after 1 hour, if no relief administer a second dose. If resp rate $< 8$/min refer to doctor.
  - If no response after 3 doses refer to doctor.

- **RESPIRATORY TRACT SECRETIONS**
  - Give Hyoscine Butylbromide 20mg subcutaneously.
  - Assess after 1 hour. If no response after 1 hour repeat dose.
  - If no response after a further hour repeat dose and refer to doctor.

- **NAUSEA & VOMITING**
  - Give Levomepromazine 2.5mg subcutaneously.
  - Review at 2 hours for effectiveness. If not effective refer to doctor.
  - If not already taking an opioid usually 2mg Morphine subcutaneously.
  - Give Cyclizine 50mg subcutaneously.
  - Review at 2-3 hours for effectiveness. If not effective refer to doctor.
  - Consider further dose after 8 hours if effective.

- **BREATHLESSNESS (DYSPNOEA)**
  - If already taking regular opioid the ‘when required’ dose of Morphine / Oxycodone should be $\frac{1}{6}$th (one sixth) to $\frac{1}{10}$th (one tenth) of daily dose. Half the dose of oral Morphine / Oxycodone when converting to the subcutaneous route.
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the needs of all individuals
Pharmacist: Clinically check prescription and As Required and Anticipatory Medicines Kardex and ensure that only agreed drugs are prescribed, contacting prescriber if required.
Pharmacy: Dispense drugs as per prescription and place in JIC box with sundries as per content list (appendix 4)

Pharmacy:
- Complete running balance column on As Required and Anticipatory Medicines Kardex.
- Final check box and seal with GREEN seal.
- Place patient label on box label tag.
- Arrange for JIC box, to be delivered to patient along with the envelope containing As Required and Anticipatory Medicines Kardex, guide for administering JIC Medicines, Flow Chart and small sharps container.
- Complete the JIC tracking form and check status of each JIC box every three months.

Nurse:
- Ensure box is stored in a secure manner in patient’s home and that the Patient/carer understands what it is for.
- Ensure patient/carer has information leaflet.
- Ensure you have a “As Required and Anticipatory Medicines Kardex” for this patient and their notes.
- Place JIC sticker on front of patients notes.

**MEDICINES REQUIRED**
- Break seal and administer medication as required.
- Complete “As Required and Anticipatory Medicines Kardex”.
- Reseal box with a RED seal each time.
- Patient’s regular medicine MUST be reviewed after box has been used 3 times; meanwhile box can continue to be used.
- Where appropriate contact prescriber.

If changes to medicines in JIC Box are required, arrange for new GP10 and take Kardex to be updated by prescriber.

**SYRINGE PUMP INITIATED**
- JIC box should no longer be used. ALL medication must be reviewed and removed from the JIC box system.
- Return JIC box to pharmacy.

Pharmacy:
- Dispense new item and ensure medicine and Kardex are returned to the patient as soon as possible.
- Submit new claim form.

Medicines required in the syringe pump should be transferred to the Syringe Pump Monitoring and Stock Review Chart for Patients at Home.

All other JIC medicines and the As Required & Anticipatory Medication Kardex can continue to be used but will now be for PRN use as JIC is no longer in place.

When syringe pump is initiated or JIC box is no longer required return to supplying pharmacy.

Pharmacy:
- Clean and prepare box for re-use.

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## Appendix 7

### JUST IN CASE BOX TRACKING FORM

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**Total**

Authorised Signatory for Participating Pharmacy ........................................ Date................

Pharmacy Contractor Code  .................................................................

Authorised Signatory for NHS Fife Pharmacy Services ........................................ Date................

Financial Code: .................................................................

You may now submit your claim form for payment when the box is dispensed. This can be by fax 01383 741395, email - sheila.dall@nhs.net or post - Sheila Dall, Pharmacy Services, Lynebank Hospital, Halbeath Road, Dunfermline, KY11 8JH

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What is the Just-in-Case Medicine Box and What is in it?

Information for Patients and Carers

The Just-in-Case (JIC) box is a box that contains medicines. The medicines are helpful in treating pain and sickness. They are given into the skin via a needle if you have difficulty swallowing. The box with the medicines will be there so that if you need control of symptoms your healthcare team can treat you quickly. Most patients find this helpful. The JIC box is not to be used instead of your usual medicines but is kept as a back-up. It will be helpful should you need any of the medicines in the evenings or at weekends and need to contact NHS24. NHS24 will have a record that you have been supplied with a JIC box and that the medicines are available.

The JIC contains the following medicines:

1. **MORPHINE SULPHATE / OXYCODONE**: for pain.
2. **LEVOMEPROMAZINE / CYCLIZINE**: for sickness.
3. **MIDAZOLAM**: for relaxing muscle.
4. **HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE**: to dry up chest / mouth secretions.

The JIC box will be provided by a specialist pharmacy (a list of these will be provided by your surgery). The JIC box will be sealed so that it is only opened by the healthcare staff looking after you. They will make sure that the medicines are used appropriately. Your healthcare team will discuss the use of the JIC box with you. The medicines prescribed for you will be provided by the pharmacy using a normal prescription. Your GP will give you an extra sheet called a ‘Prescription Kardex’. This should be given to the pharmacy along with the prescription so they know that the medicines should be packed into the JIC box. If the box is no longer needed then it should be returned to the pharmacy that supplied it along with the paperwork.
FAQs

1. **When will I be given the JIC box?**
The JIC box will be prescribed for you when you and your healthcare team feel it may be useful to have these extra medicines at home.

2. **Does the JIC box mean I am going to need these drugs immediately?**
No. The JIC box is just back-up and may not be used for many weeks, if at all.

3. **Do I take it into hospital with me?**
No. Leave the JIC box at home but take your regular oral medicines. If you go to hospital, they will provide any treatment you require.

4. **Who will know when to use the JIC box?**
The JIC box will only be opened and used by a member of the healthcare team qualified to do so.

5. **Where should I keep the JIC box?**
The JIC box should be kept in a safe place and away from children. The seal should not be opened by anyone except a nurse or doctor.

6. **What happens to the JIC box when it is not needed?**
The JIC must be returned to the pharmacy that provided it.

7. **Who do I talk to if I have any questions about the JIC box?**
You can talk to any member of your healthcare team including the Pharmacist supplying the box.
## Appendix 10
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