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To: Greater Sudbury Paramedic Service
From: Dr. Jason Prpic, Regional Medical Director, Centre for Prehospital Care & Trauma Services
Re: Palliative Care Treat and Refer
Date: January 18, 2022

memo

Dear Paramedics,

As you are aware, Greater Sudbury Paramedic Services (GSPS) will be involved in a provincial pilot project allowing for the treat and refer of registered palliative patients at home. The purpose of the project is to provide compassionate care and alleviate symptoms, all while respecting the patient and family's goals of care.

GSPS is set to launch this pilot project on Jan 24th 2022. All paramedics who have been educated on the latest Palliative Directives will have their Letter of Authorization updated to reflect this. Please log into the PPO to view your certification. Only paramedics who have been educated and certified in the palliative directives may provide this care to registered patients in the GSPS catchment area.

HSN CPC has asked that these directives be placed into the Ontario Paramedic Clinical Guide App. They will be available in the App starting February 1st, 2022. In the interim, the GSPS will be providing printed directives as reference material. You may also wish to keep an electronic copy on your smartphone. The palliative medication reference sheets are also available on the HSN CPC website <https://hsncpc.ca/>

During the initial phase of the pilot, a mandatory patch point with the BHP will be required prior to leaving the patient at home. All BHPs are aware of the program and have been supplied with these directives. It is anticipated that the discussion with BHP's may require slightly more in-depth conversation, therefore Paramedic's should prepare in advance and use techniques such as the SBAR acronym to facilitate this patch point. Should you encounter any issues with patching, please self report this to the base hospital.

Based on the experience of other Services that have already implemented the pilot, we expect that the majority of cases will still require transport and time on scene will be longer, especially for those that will remain at home.

If the patient will remain at home, please ensure proper notification and follow up with their palliative team.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to GSPS or the HSN CPC.

Thank you,

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