

Round up of information to support EoL care in the community 8.4.2020

(this does not include local guidance and will be updated. If you know of anything - please share)

- 1. Joint statement on advanced care planning:** *It is unacceptable for advance care plans, with or without DNAR form completion to be applied to groups of people of any description. These decisions must continue to be made on an individual basis according to need.....*
<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/about-us/news/2020/april/joint-statement-on-advance-care-planning.aspx>
- 2. Ethical support for frontline workers** –hospital focused but helpful
<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/news/ethical-guidance-published-frontline-staff-dealing-pandemic>
- 3. Deactivating the shock function of an implantable cardioverter defibrillator towards the end of life** (BHF)
<https://www.bhf.org.uk/information-support/publications/living-with-a-heart-condition/deactivating-the-shock-function-of-an-implantable-cardioverter-defibrillator-towards-the-end-of-life>
- 4. End of life care:**
 - Hospice UK <https://www.hospiceuk.org/what-we-offer/clinical-and-care-support/coronavirus-guidance>
 - RCGP <https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=10537>
 - Association for Palliative medicine <https://apmonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-19-and-Palliative-End-of-Life-and-Bereavement-Care-06-April-2020.pdf>
 - NICE: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng163>
 - Marie Curie: <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/professionals/palliative-care-knowledge-zone/proving-good-quality-care/covid-19>
 - NHS covid resources are found here - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/secondary-care/other-resources/specialty-guides/#palliative> Nil community palliative care as yet
 - **subcutaneous injections training support** : <https://subcut.helixcentre.com>
- 5. Contacting relatives by phone to communicate death of a patient**
Healthcare staff under unprecedented pressure must recognise emotional demands of phoning families to tell them relative has died. Identifying & remembering needs of bereaved children crucial. Guide to support these difficult phone calls
<https://twitter.com/alansteinoxford/status/1245002287535337472/photo/1>
- 6. Death certification:** <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/COVID-19-Act-excess-death-provisions-info-and-guidance-31-03-20.pdf>
- 7. MCA and restrictions**
<https://1f2ca7mxjow42e65q49871m1-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Mental-Capacity-Guidance-Note-COVID-19-capacity-and-social-distancing-31-March-2020.pdf>
- 8. IPC guidance including new PPE guidance for all health and care staff**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control>
- 9. Support for health care professionals**
 - Doctors: the practitioner health service: <https://www.practitionerhealth.nhs.uk>
 - Macmillan <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/coronavirus/well-being-support-for-health-and-care-professionals>