

RESPIRATORY TRACT SECRETIONS

BARCODE AREA

PRESENT

- Explain symptom to family and whanau.
- Re-position patient.
- If persistent & causing distress move to next step.

1. PRN hyoscine-n-butylbromide 20mgs subcut 4 hourly.

2a. Assess - if symptoms persist and stat dose of hyoscine-n-butylbromide **was** helpful.

Consider syringe driver, with hyoscine-n-butylbromide 60-80 mgs over 24 hours.

2b. Assess - if symptoms persist and stat dose of hyoscine-n-butylbromide **was not** helpful.

Consider prescribing/applying scopolamine TTS x 1 over 72 hours (3 days).

If symptoms persist contact your Specialist Palliative Care Service for further advice.

ABSENT

1. Prescribe scopolamine patch PRN & hyoscine-n-butylbromide 20mgs subcut PRN 4hrly.

If respiratory tract secretions occur change to symptom "**Present**" guide.

NB:
subcut (subcutaneous)
PRN (as required)
hyoscine-n-butylbromide = buscopan

BINDING MARGIN - NO WRITING

Supporting Information

- Early intervention may enable more successful management of this symptom.
- Review drug, dose, frequency for patients elderly, frail, have dementia or renal failure. Start with lower doses and increase slowly as required.

Please note: If you require further advice at any time 24hrs a day please contact Arohanui Hospice – (06) 356 6606

Palmerston North Hospital inpatients contact the hospital palliative care service Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm.