

Building Operational Excellence: Home-Based Palliative Care identified leading operational practices in home-based palliative care to address gaps and improve the quality and efficiency of end-of-life care. As part of this work, the CHCA conducted an evidence synthesis on Managing Medication and Supplies in Home-Based Palliative Care.

10 ways to manage medication and supplies in the home setting

- Create policies and procedures specific to managing controlled drugs (i.e. access, storage, disposal).
- Develop patient and caregiver education materials on safe storage and disposal practices.
- Educate and assist patients and caregivers with medication management.
- 4 Use emergency medication kits for easy and timely access.
- Learn about the <u>HPSA</u> medication and sharps return programs in BC, MB, ON, PEI.
- Tap into pharmacists' expertise for medication safety and delivery options (short versus long-acting).
- 7 Encourage patients and caregivers to keep a medication diary.
- Use SMART Pump infusion devices.
- **9** Learn about the <u>Patch-For-Patch Fentanyl Return Program</u> in Ontario.
- Check out medication disposal pouches; a safe inactivation and disposal method.













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