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* Comfort kit medications and/or dosages are altered by the Hospice team based upon clinical and psychological situations, such as:
* Dementia, majority of comfort kit medications (opioids, anticholinergics, benzodiazepines) can cause serious side effects in patients with all types of dementia. Haloperidol can worsen symptoms in patients with Parkinson’s disease and dementia with Lewy bodies and should be eliminated from the kit

**Comfort Kits Procedure**

* Comfort kits are ordered upon admission or during the Hospice stay
* The Admission Nurse will identify the need for the Comfort Kit upon admission and obtain an order from the attending physician
* If the need for a Comfort Kit arises during the Hospice stay, the primary nurse will obtain an order from the attending physician
* If the attending physician is not available to provide a timely order for a Comfort Kit in an urgent situation, an order may be obtained from the Medical Director (MD or NP)
* The availability of a reasonable caregiver will be assessed at admission by the Admission Nurse, and throughout the Hospice stay by the primary nurse and other members of the IDT
* Upon admission and throughout the Hospice stay, the IDT will assess patient and caregivers for signs/symptoms of substance abuse/diversion
* The presence of diagnosis of dementia and severe chronic renal failure will be assessed on admission and throughout the Hospice stay to identify situations where the use of the standard Comfort Kit is contraindicated

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| **START** | **PRN MEDICATIONS** | **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS** | **DRUG CLASS** |
| 1/10/24 | Acetaminophen 650mg oral every 4 hours PRN fever |  | Miscellaneous analgesic/Agency |
| 1/10/24 | Acetaminophen suppository 650mg rectal every 4 hours PRN fever | 1 suppository | Miscellaneous analgesic/Agency |
| 1/10/24 | Bisacodyl 10mg rectal once a day PRN constipation | 1 suppository | Laxatives/agency |
| 1/10/24 | Haloperidol 0.5-1 mg oral every 6 hours PRN | 2mg/1ml | Miscellaneous antipsychotic agents(agency) |
| 1/10/24 | Hyoscyamine tablet 0.125 mg sublingual every 4 hours PRN secretion/noisy respirat | .25mg/ml | Anticholinergics/antispasmodics/Agency |
| 1/10/24 | Lorazepam 0.25-1 mg oral every 6 hours PRN anxiety or agitation | 20mg/1ml | agency |
| 1/10/24 | Roxanol 5-10mg oral/SL every 2 hours PRN pain/respiratory distress | 20mg/1ml | agency |