

# GIP Documentation Guidance

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## Suggested Verbiage to Use

- This patient requires the administration of multiple IV medications \_\_\_\_\_(insert specific IV medications) on scheduled and as needed regimens to achieve symptom relief. Despite these interventions, the patient continues to exhibit symptoms requiring frequent skilled nursing assessments and medication administration.
- If a patient is demonstrated “decreased responsiveness” but we are noting non-verbal cues of pain or other symptoms, we should focus on those—
- “Though this patient has decreased responsiveness, (s)he continues to exhibit non-verbal cues of pain as evidenced by facial grimacing, moaning, and restlessness/agitation requiring the IV administration of \_\_\_\_\_(IV morphine) and \_\_\_\_\_(IV Ativan) for the relief of symptoms.”

Don't Use	Use
Patient is well palliated (This is a red-flag for a reviewer. Reviewer sees this as a stable patient no longer needing GIP)	Patient reports pain as 4/10, down from 9/10 yesterday. Goal is 48 hours of stable pain relief before considering discharge home.
Roxanol given with excellent relief	At 3:00 PM - Pain score = 8, Roxanol administered Then 3:30 PM - Pain score = 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comfortable</li> <li>• Well-managed</li> <li>• No complaints</li> <li>• Stable</li> <li>• Patient resting</li> <li>• Patient sleeping soundly (sleeping will do)</li> </ul>	Patient Continues to Require...(specify med changes, interventions)



No complaints/interventions effective	Effectiveness of symptom management is continuously reevaluated to achieve optimum comfort
GIP for pain management	GIP to manage uncontrolled pain in (insert location) continues to require titration of (insert med)
Required monitoring	Conditioned monitored ongoing for (insert symptom)
Patient nonverbal	Required skilled nursing assessment for nonverbal signs of pain/discomfort
Support Given	Listened to patient express fear of dying; provided education on disease process, or similar
Complains of shortness of breath	Voiced complaint of SOB with evidence of use of accessory muscles, pursed lip breathing, unable to carry on conversation
Patient anxious	Patient asks not to be left alone, fidgeting with buttons on shirt, talking rapidly
Education provided	Explained medication changes to wife—purpose, expected outcome, side effects

