

Online Palliative Resources

[MedicinesComplete](https://www.medicinescomplete.com/#/) (<https://www.medicinescomplete.com/#/>) — (does normally give access from an NHS computer but if not, or if not on NHS computer will require Open Athens* password to access)

Provides access to: PCF (though not SDSA – syringe driver survey database) BNF, Stockley’s Drug Interactions, Stockley’s Interactions Checker, Handbook of drug administration via enteral feeding tubes**.

Stockley’s Interactions Checker (found from below the search bar on medicines complete dashboard or at the top right of screen once in the resources) is probably more useful for screening for interactions whereas Stockley’s Drug Interactions is more useful for obtaining more detailed information about a possible interaction however, ideally both should be checked as there is sometimes additional information in one that is not in the other.

To access SDSA database registration is required with [© palliativedrugs.com](https://www.palliativedrugs.com/) (<https://www.palliativedrugs.com/>)**

[© palliativedrugs.com](https://www.palliativedrugs.com/) (home page) provides a link to a collated list of resources for COVID-19 in palliative care.

[Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines](https://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/) (<https://www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/>)

For consensus guidelines and approach to palliative care in Scotland, note – updated to include COVID palliative care guideline. Information on syringe driver compatibility.

[Electronic medicines compendium \(emc\)](https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc) (<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc>)

Manufacturer’s data sheets, including dosage guidance in renal / hepatic impairment.

* Select Open Athens option at log in screen then on next screen for organisation to sign in with select ‘NES Knowledge Services Group – NHS Scotland’ then on next screen enter Open Athens username and password. For those who do not currently have Open Athens or have forgotten access details – please visit The Knowledge Network (<http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/home.aspx>) and click on ‘Register’ (top right).

**Further information regarding suitability of crushing tablets in patients with swallowing difficulties (or if no information found in the Handbook of drug administration via enteral feeding tubes) can be found in the NEWT Guidelines, hard copies of this are available in PRI pharmacy department, or Medicines Information can be contacted - tel: 01382 632351 (9am-5pm), or out of hours the on-call Pharmacist can be contacted via Ninewells switchboard.

***Further information on syringe driver compatibility is available from the book: Dickman and Schneider: The Syringe Driver 4th Ed (2016). A copy of this is held in: PRI Pharmacy Dept; Roxburghe house; Medicines Information.