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Dear Joseph,

I think Althea has recently spoken to you about prescriptions for palliative care particularly involving syringe drivers. As you know the Trust looked at this issue about a year ago and some new documentation was brought out which was felt not to be user friendly. A small sub-group therefore got together to re-look at the issue. It was felt that it would probably be safer to go back to prescribing the drugs needed for syringe drivers and prn medication on the prescription chart as previously and that it would be helpful to try to use the administration record as enclosed, but also to use the guidelines and flowcharts that have been devised by the staff on Charles Ward in terms of selecting drugs and dosages. I enclose a copy of the relevant information and documentation. If you have any queries please let me know.

I will try to set up another meeting in a couple of months so that you can feed back your thoughts on ease of use etc. of the new system so that we can then roll it out to all other areas within the Department of Elderly Medicine. Many thanks for your help with this project.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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