

## Syringe Driver Training

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Our comprehensive Syringe Driver Training Course is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to provide compassionate end-of-life care including pain relief. Our experienced trainers will lead you through a holistic approach; you will learn how to address the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of your patients, while ensuring their comfort and dignity.

With a focus on syringe driver usage, equipment, and medication administration, you will gain the skills to prioritise patient safety and troubleshoot any issues that may arise. Additionally, you will master the setup and monitoring of infusion pumps, ensuring smooth medication administration in sensitive situations.

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## Learning Outcomes

- Describe the importance of holistic palliative and end of life care
- Initiate difficult conversations with confidence and empathy
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using syringe driver
- List the equipment required
- Name commonly used drugs and syringes, including the use of drugs beyond licence
- Explain sites to use and which to avoid
- Explain how to troubleshoot a variety of situations
- Complete documentation correctly
- Monitor patient checks
- Demonstrate setting up the infusion pump

## Course Content

### Module 1 – Introduction

- This Syringe Driver in End of Life and Palliative Care course begins by recognising the role of holistic palliative and end-of-life care and the importance of addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Open communication and understanding is essential at this time, but initiating difficult conversations naturally challenge many people. Your trainer guides you to explore how to initiate those difficult conversations with patients, their families and caregivers with confidence and empathy.

## Course Content

### **Module 2 – Advantages and disadvantages of using a syringe driver:**

- Next, move on to evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of using syringe drivers in palliative care settings, enabling informed decision making.

### **Module 3 – when to use the syringe driver and which drugs to administer:**

- Having made the decision to utilise a syringe driver, learn about the necessary equipment required for administering drugs through a syringe driver. Explore the range of commonly used drugs and syringes in palliative care, including the judicious use of medicines beyond their license, while always ensuring patient comfort and safety.

### **Module 4 – siting the syringe driver:**

- Choosing the correct site for the syringe driver is the next step. Learn about which sites are appropriate and which sites to avoid to prevent complications. Explore a number of situations which may arise, and how to troubleshoot and address them safely.

### **Module 5 – Documentation:**

- Accurately complete documentation related to palliative care, adhering to legal and ethical standards. Monitor patients to check their condition to ensure optimal comfort and care and document correctly.

**Module 6 – Practical session:**

- The Syringe Driver Training completes with a practical session. Each attendee practices setting up the infusion pumps until confident. After the pump has been set up correctly, precise medication administration is demonstrated with a strong focus on patient wellbeing.