

THE LAST DAYS OF LIFE: PAEDIATRIC AND NEONATAL TOOLKIT- COMPASS

The *Last Days of Life: Paediatric and Neonatal (LDOL: P&N) Toolkit* is a guide for health care professionals caring for a paediatric or neonatal patient dying in an acute care setting (hospital or hospice).

The *LDOL: P&N Toolkit* should be commenced when the patient is recognised to be in the last hours to days of life.

For support or advice relating to the care of a dying patient, contact a Specialist Paediatric Palliative Care team.

If AFTER HOURS, health care professionals can obtain support from the Specialist Paediatric Palliative Care Advise Line via any NSW Children's hospital switchboard.

The Toolkit is divided into three sections

1. Recognising Dying, Initiating Last Days of Life Management and Monitoring Comfort (Refer to Clinical Documents 1 & 3)
2. Symptom Management Documents (Refer to Guidance documents 2,4,5 & 6)
3. Communication (Refer to LDOL: P&N Information Sheets in orange box)

