

**MEDICATIONS FREQUENTLY USED BY HOSPICE PROVIDERS  
FOR PAIN AND SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT**

<b>MEDICATION</b>	<b>HELPS TO RELIEVE</b>	<b>YOU MAY NOTICE...</b>
<b>Morphine</b>	<b>Pain</b> <b>Shortness of breath</b>	<b>Sleepiness</b> <b>More shallow breathing</b> <b>Shorter periods of being awake</b>
<b>Ativan<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>Anxiety</b> <b>Shortness of breath</b> <b>Nausea</b>	<b>Sleepiness</b> <b>Less restlessness</b> <b>Mild confusion</b> <b>Shorter periods of being awake</b>
<b>Haldol<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>Nausea</b> <b>Agitation</b>	<b>Sleepiness</b> <b>Less restlessness</b> <b>Mild confusion</b>
<b>Dilaudid<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>Pain</b> <b>Shortness of breath</b>	<b>Sleepiness</b> <b>More shallow breathing</b> <b>Shorter periods of being awake</b>

**GENERIC DRUG NAMES**

**ATIVAN = LORAZEPAM**

**HALDOL = HALOPERIDOL**

**DILAUDID = HYDROMORPHONE**

**We understand that the decision to use these medications can be overwhelming. We also want to reassure our patients and families that the use of these medications is meant to palliate symptoms that are caused by disease; the right dose is the dose that takes care of the symptoms. We do not use medications to accelerate the death process, but to provide the best comfort possible toward end of life.**