



Patient & Family Guide
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The Nova Scotia Green Sleeve

Information for Patients, Families,
and Substitute Decision Makers

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About the **Green Sleeve**

What is a Green Sleeve?

The Nova Scotia Green Sleeve is a place for you to keep important documents. These documents can help you share your health care plans, goals, and care wishes with your health care providers.

Who should have a Green Sleeve?

Anyone with a life-limiting illness should have a Green Sleeve.

What do I keep in my Green Sleeve?

Examples of documents that you may keep in your Green Sleeve include:

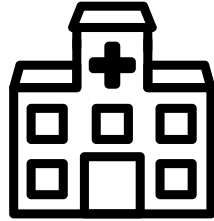
- Emergency Health Services' (EHS) Special Patient Program Care Plan
- Personal Directive
- Nova Scotia Health Expected Death at Home form
- Information about your goals of care (such as treatment preferences, DNR, etc.)

Please talk with your health care provider for more information about any of these documents.

What do I do with my Green Sleeve?



- At home, keep your Green Sleeve somewhere easy to find, like on top of the fridge. If you have a palliative care binder, you may keep it in the front of the binder.
- Show your Green Sleeve to health care providers who provide care in your home, including paramedics if emergency help is needed.



- Take your Green Sleeve to your health care appointments.
- Take it with you if you go to the Emergency Department.
- If it is updated while there, be sure to bring it home with you.
- You should review and discuss the information in your Green Sleeve with your health care providers before any tests or treatments.

**Please talk with your health care provider
for more information.**

Resources

Advance Care Planning

<http://nshpca.ca/advance-care-planning>

EHS Special Patient Program

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ehs/palliative-care.asp>

Palliative Care

www.nshealth.ca/content/palliative-care

Advance Care Planning: Making Your Personal and Medical Wishes Known

[www.nshealth.ca/sites/nshealth.ca/files/
patientinformation/1942.pdf](http://www.nshealth.ca/sites/nshealth.ca/files/patientinformation/1942.pdf)

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Find this pamphlet and all our patient resources here: <https://library.nshealth.ca/PatientEducation>

Contact your local public library for books, videos, magazines, and other resources.

For more information, go to <http://library.novascotia.ca>

Connect with a registered nurse in Nova Scotia any time: call 811 or visit <https://811.novascotia.ca>

Learn about other programs and services in your community: call 211 or visit <http://ns.211.ca>

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