



## Tools and resources on respiratory secretions for use in clinical practice, education and training

### Complete this tool

#### [Victoria Respiratory Congestion Scale \(VRCS\)](#)

Assess severity of respiratory secretions using this scale by Victoria Hospice Society



### Optimise your learning

#### [Death Rattle Intensity Scale](#)

Read this study by Back, et al. (2001) outlining an observation scale to assess the severity of respiratory secretions



### Read this resource

#### [Pharmacological management of end of life symptoms in residential aged care residents \(260kb pdf\)](#)

Follow guidance by Queensland Health for pharmacological treatment of respiratory secretions at end of life



### Read the evidence

#### [Last days of life: Respiratory tract secretions](#)

Access evidence-based information by Therapeutic Guidelines on treatments for respiratory secretions in the last days of life (subscription required)



### Access this guide

#### [Anticipatory medicines \(1.17MB pdf\)](#)

Access guidance by Safer Care Victoria on home-based assessment and symptom management at the end of life



### Access this resource

#### [Management of respiratory tract secretions in the last days of life \(96kb pdf\)](#)

Use this flowchart by Clinical Excellence Commission to guide assessment and treatment

