

<i>Policy &amp; Procedure:</i>	<b>BEYOND THE USE DATE</b>		
<i>Performed by:</i>	All RN's and RPN's of Residence		
<i>Approved by:</i>	Director of Residence Care		
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Pharmacies in Ontario have initiated **"Beyond the Use Dates" (BUD)**.

This document will outline what Hospice Care Ottawa (HCO) practices with our infusions. It is HCO's policy to use the drug past the BUD date but within the stability/expiry date. HCO treats the compounded drug day at the pharmacy as the drug received day at the hospice.

It is HCO's policy that cassettes are to be **started before the BUD date** and may **continue to be used until the expiry date**. HCO calculates the **expiry date** from the date the infusion is compounded at pharmacy.

Expiry length of time for the following drugs;

E.g. Midazolam 9 days from day of compounding (compound day is Day 0)

E.g. Ketamine 6 days from day of compounding

E.g. Opioids 30 days from day of compounding

BUD: accounts for the sterility and risk of contamination during the compounding process and not the stability of the drug itself

Expiry: reflection of the stability of the drug once it is compounded (compound day is Day 0)

Physicians should routinely indicate the approved duration of use in their orders.

E.g. Midazolam CADDs all concentrations; ok to use for 9 days from day received (day received is Day 0).

E.g. Opioid CADDs all concentrations; ok to use for 30 days from day received (day received is Day 0).

**\*Nursing Alert-** Please label all compounded drugs on CADD with 'date drug was received' and 'the corresponding expiry date'

E.g. Midazolam 2mg/ml

Received Dec 1

Expiry Dec 10

As long as cassette is started prior to BUD of Dec 1, the BUD may pass but HCO does not discard the cassette until Dec 10. Midazolam; the BUD and the expiry are the same date.

E.g. Morphine 5mg/ml

Received Dec 1

Expiry Dec 31

As long as cassette is started prior to BUD, of Dec 1, the BUD may pass but HCO does not discard the cassette until Dec 31.