

# The Nova Scotia Green Sleeve

**To inquire about Green Sleeves for your patients:**

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## Resources

### Goals of Care

Visit <https://library.nshealth.ca/GoalsOfCare> for

information about:

- › Goals of care
- › Patient and family resources
- › Levels of Intervention(LOI) Designations

### EHS Special Patient Program

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

### Personal Directives

- › <https://novascotia.ca/just/pda>

### Palliative Care

Visit <https://library.nshealth.ca/PalliativeCare> for

information about:

- › Identification and assessment
- › Care planning (including for an expected death at home)
- › Community and provider resources

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## About the Green Sleeve

## What should patients do with their Green Sleeve?

### What is a Green Sleeve?

The Nova Scotia Green Sleeve is a place to keep important documents. These documents can help a patient communicate their health care plans, goals, and care wishes to their health care providers.

### Who should have a Green Sleeve?

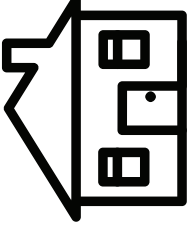
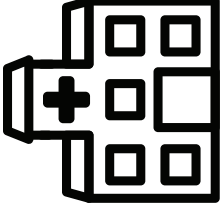
Anyone with a life-limiting illness should have a Green Sleeve.

### What should be kept in the Green Sleeve?

Examples of documents that may be kept in a Green Sleeve include:

- Patient-Centered Priorities and Goals of Care (GOC) form
- Emergency Health Services (EHS) Special Patient Program (SPP) care plan
- Personal Directive
- Nova Scotia Health Expected Death at Home form

Please ensure your patient takes their Green Sleeve with them when they leave your office or the hospital. If they leave it behind, please contact them to arrange to have it returned.

	
<p>At home, the patient should keep their Green Sleeve somewhere easy to find, like on top of the fridge. If they have a palliative care binder, they may keep it in the front of the binder.</p>	<p>The patient should bring their Green Sleeve with them to health care appointments and if they go to the Emergency Department. Any updates should be added to the Green Sleeve.</p>
<p>The patient should show their Green Sleeve to health care providers who provide care in their home, including paramedics if emergency help is needed.</p>	<p>Health care providers should review and discuss the documents in the Green Sleeve with the patient and their family before diagnostic tests or other interventions.</p>