

## Situation Guide: Proposing an end of life plan with care in the home to a Resident with COVID-19

This guide has been designed to be used by the resident’s physician, or the physician’s delegate (with appropriate modifications to wording). This guide requires the physician (or delegate) to include resident- or home-specific information in sections highlighted by “[...]” This guide can be used in conjunction with other PoET tools, such as the Treatment Plan Proposal Template (available on [www.poetproject.ca](http://www.poetproject.ca)).

	Goal	Possible Wording for Physician
INFORM	1 To summarize and review pre-COVID status	<i>“Up until this point you have been dealing with [...] and we have been able to provide [...]”</i>
	2 To provide information on COVID-19 diagnosis and relationship to pre-COVID status	<i>“Due to your other chronic conditions, this new diagnosis of COVID-19 means [...]”</i>
	3 To communicate that you expect further deterioration	<i>“Based on what I’m seeing, I believe that you will...”</i> <i>“I’m sorry to tell you that I think this means...”</i>
PROPOSE	4 To identify the purpose of the discussion	<i>“I would like to talk to you about the new recommendations that I have...”</i> <i>“I want to make sure we have the best plan in place when that happens...”</i>
	5 To describe the plan being proposed	<i>“We can make sure that we manage your [...] here in the home. This would mean that we use [...] and keep you comfortable.”</i>
	6 To describe alternatives and why you are <b>not</b> recommending them at this time	<i>“If this plan isn’t put into place, and [...] occurs, we would send you to hospital, which would include [...]. I am not recommending this for you because [...]”</i>
Pause and answer the Resident’s questions about the treatment plan, if any		
ASK FOR CONSENT	7 To ask the resident for consent to the plan	<i>“Do I have your permission to put this plan in place?”</i> <i>“Do you agree that we should put the plan I am recommending in place?”</i>