

MedWatch Program

The Langley Division of Family Practice is partnering with our Langley physicians, hospital emergency department, emergency responders, senior living residences and community organizations to implement a community wide health care emergency **MedWatch Program** - for all of Langley. The program was developed out of the need to get **vital medical information** and **health care wishes** to emergency responders and physicians in emergency situations.



First responders often find it challenging to access medical information to assess and treat the patient most appropriately. The MedWatch Program will address these challenges as well as with treatment once patients arrive in emergency.

All important healthcare information kept together in one easily accessible place - (within Greensleeve folder)

1. **MedWatch Form** - Personal identification information, Emergency Contacts, Medical Conditions, Medications
2. **Advance Care Plan** – health care decision maker information / MOST/NO CPR
3. **MedWatch green dot stickers** - identify resident participating in this program:
 - 1 for outside entry door of the residence
(apply to front door of house or personal apartment door)
 - 1 to mark the location of Greensleeve package inside the home
(apply to outside of fridge, cupboard or drawer)

Background: What is MedWatch? & Why is it important?

- **Avoid Hard to locate** paperwork in residences - **Easy Access** to vital information for first responders & hospital emergency doctors!
- **Avoid inappropriate medical care** - without locating documented choices, default is to treat to full extent.
- **Keeps information up to date** - avoid incomplete or old medical history and medication lists, change in emergency contact information
- **Consistent program for emergency responders** - designated team member knows to look for identifying green stickers to locate Greensleeve package
- First responders will provide complete health care information for hospital emergency arrival

MedWatch/GreenSleeve steps:

- ✓ Fill out MedWatch forms
- ✓ Ask pharmacist for medication print out
- ✓ Start the conversation with family- determine who is your health care decision maker - do they know your wishes?
- ✓ Visit Doctor/NP for conversation about treatment choices – copy of physician signed MOST / noCPR
- ✓ Place all documents in green folder (including representation agreements)
- ✓ Put folder in accessible / safe place
- ✓ Place 1 sticker where visible for folder location (outside cupboard or fridge)
- ✓ Place 1 sticker outside on home exterior door
- ✓ Mark calendar for 6 months to update (or update every time medication changes)



Starting the Conversation with decision makers and physicians

MedWatch program worksheet – The *making your health care decisions known* worksheet has been developed to hand out to patients to provide:

- Guidelines
- Information
- Conversation starters
- Resources