

Medical Assistance in Dying

Frequently Asked Questions

What steps do I follow if I receive a request for Medical Assistance in Dying?

The federal government has passed the law of legalized assistance in dying which outlines the requirements your patients must meet to be eligible to receive Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID).

These requirements include:

- The patient is eligible for health services funded by the government in Canada
- The patient is at least 18 years of age and have the capacity to make decisions with respect to their health
- The patient has a grievous and irremediable medical condition
- The patient's request for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) is voluntary and was not made as a result of external pressure
- The patient gives informed consent to receive Medical Assistance in Dying after having been informed of the means that are available to relieve their suffering, including palliative care

For additional information, please contact the governing bodies in your provincial jurisdiction.

What types of service does Bayshore provide to Physicians/Nurse Practitioners providing Medical Assistance in Dying?

Physicians and Nurse Practitioners are provided with a single point of contact at Bayshore, to ensure they have the support they need. Our integrated care team means the most responsible practitioner (MRP) has access to nursing services and pharmacy support.

Educated on Medical Assistance in Dying, Bayshore's Nurses who support the initiative can offer assistance to aid the MRP who is providing MAID, can provide IV access and management and can provide care after death.

Our pharmacy team provides and delivers all necessary medication and supplies in kit format. Medication information, support and guidance are also offered.

Does Bayshore have any tools and resources available for Physicians/Nurse Practitioners?

Yes. Bayshore has created a number of resources including a flyer containing key messages and a brochure outlining important information about Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada. Links to these resources can be found on our website at www.bayshore.ca/maid.

We have also created a single point of contact in each of our local branches, knowledgeable with the standards in your provincial jurisdiction. Should you have questions, or require support, they can be reached at 1-866-841-2036.

(continued on back page)

Does Bayshore provide support for my patient and their family?

Bayshore HealthCare is committed to providing high quality care to your end of life patients and has developed a comprehensive solution for those seeking support with Medical Assistance in Dying. We believe patients should, at all times, be treated with understanding, compassion and dignity and should be provided with factual, objective information about Medical Assistance in Dying.

What are some other options in end-of-life medical care?

Hospice Palliative Care services is one such option. To learn more about our palliative care options and the services provided by Bayshore, please visit our website at www.bayshore.ca/palliativecare

Are Physicians/Nurse Practitioners permitted to use telemedicine to assess a patient's eligibility for Medical Assistance in Dying?

One of the Physicians or Nurse Practitioners, but not both, may provide their assessment by telemedicine provided that, during the telemedicine assessment, another regulated health professional is in physical attendance with the patient to act as a witness to the assessment.

For additional information, please review or contact the governing bodies in your provincial jurisdiction.

Does Bayshore have a policy to govern Medical Assistance in Dying?

Yes. Our clinical team has created an internal policy outlining Bayshore's current position and best practices regarding Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada. The policy is available to all Bayshore staff through our company Intranet.

Who do I contact if I require additional support?

It is expected that Physicians or Nurse Practitioners will have important questions concerning their level of involvement or non-involvement with Medical Assistance in Dying. If you require additional support, please contact our call centre at 1-866-841-2036. You will be directed to a single point of contact, knowledgeable in MAID and with the standards in your provincial jurisdiction.

Our call centre operates Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 11:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and on statutory holidays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

For more information, please call
1.866.841.2036

Bayshore[®]
HealthCare

www.bayshore.ca

Better care for a better life

Bayshore HealthCare has been enhancing the quality of life, dignity and independence of Canadians in their homes since 1966. Offering a wide range of personal and community health care services through more than 60 home care offices and 30 community care clinics across Canada, we strive to make a difference in our clients lives – *every visit, every time.*

