

Medical Assistance in Dying

The following attempts to address the most common questions raised by registrants.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/accessing-health-care/home-community-care/care-options-and-cost/end-of-life-care/medical-assistance-in-dying/information-for-providers>

<https://parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/43-2/bill/C-7/royal-assent>

In addition to federal safeguards, there are several

for MAiD in BC:

If one, or both, of the physicians or nurse practitioners are concerned about a patient's capability to provide informed consent, they will request a capability assessment from a third physician or specialist.

standards, assessors and providers should seek information and/or advice from mentors and colleagues, and/or discontinue involvement in the assessment process.

Patients can waive the requirement for giving final consent just before MAiD is provided, only if their natural death is reasonably foreseeable

being treated or resides; someone directly involved in providing health-care services or directly provide personal care to the patient (unless this is their primary occupation and they are paid to do so); or a practitioner who will provide MAiD to the patient or an opinion confirming the patient meets the eligibility criteria for MAiD.

The independent witness and a proxy signer can be a) related to each other, and b) related to the patient if they meet the requirements for being an independent witness or proxy signer.

The answer is “no” for page 1 of the request form since a witness cannot act in two different capacities (i.e. cannot witness their own proxy signature).

The answer is “yes” for page 6 of the request form since the prior witness would only be acting in one capacity – as the proxy signer to confirm the patient's final consent for MAiD.

The provincial forms support a standardized approach to MAiD and ensure that all required elements of consent and eligibility criteria have been confirmed and documented. The BC

This course is designed to provide physicians and nurse practitioners with the information necessary for them to act as both assessors and prescribers for medical assistance in dying in full compliance with their legal, ethical, and professional obligations.

[Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAiD\): Roles and Responsibilities of Health Care Professionals \(HCPs\)](#)

This course is intended for those who would like a more in-depth knowledge about the process of medical assistance in dying for health-care professionals.

Physicians who perform MAiD in health authority facilities will need to be privileged to perform this service. Community-based physicians do not need privileges, but are expected to have appropriate competencies, qualifications, experience and training to establish that a patient meets the criteria for MAiD as well as the appropriate technical knowledge and competency to presC q11(w)-3(e)-3(II)4(as t)1 Siadg(II)4(as t)() 792 reWñBT/F1 11.04 Tf1 0 0 1 72.024 519.

