



SECTION:	Vol. A – TRANSDISCIPLINARY MANUAL	
SUBJECT:	Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID)	
ORIGINAL:	DATE: 2016-08	A2-07
REVISED:	2016-11	

POLICY

Yukon Continuing Care respects the rights of Residents and Clients to receive Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in accordance with the relevant laws and standards.

Health care providers are directed to refer to their regulatory body for guidance regarding scope of practice related to Medical Assistance in Dying.

PROCEDURE

Health care providers who are not Physicians, or Nurse Practitioners in independent practice, are to follow the steps below, as the Resident/Client may make a Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) request from any staff member:

- Document the request / conversation in the GC chart and the 24-hour report.
- Inform the TL / RN Supervisor / Care Coordinator or Manager.
- One of the above staff members contacts the Resident/Client's physician to inform them of the request.

Health care providers may also share information about lawful medical assistance in dying with patients. This information is available on the Government of Yukon website at: <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/maid.php>

While YCC staff can provide information about how to request MAID in a lawful manner, it is illegal (a punishable crime) for anyone to encourage, counsel, advise, recommend or in any other way influence Residents or Clients to seek to end their life. The Criminal Code allows for health care practitioners to aid with medical assistance in dying in accordance with the law.

In order for a Resident/Client to be eligible for MAID, two independent medical practitioners must assess the Resident/Client, and both must agree that the eligibility criteria are met. At least one of the medical practitioners must be legally authorized to prescribe all of the medications administered during MAID.

The following medical practitioners are legally able to provide MAID assessments:

- Two Physicians
- A Physician and a Nurse Practitioner

Staff may decline to participate in any aspect of MAID. However, they are expected to refrain from directly expressing any moral objection or judgements about the beliefs, lifestyle, identity or characteristics of the person requesting MAID. Staff should promptly inform their supervisor of their objection and are expected to continue to provide safe



SECTION:	Vol. A – TRANSDISCIPLINARY MANUAL	
SUBJECT:	Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID)	
DATE:	2016-08	A2-07
ORIGINAL:	2016-08	
REVISED:	2016-11	

quality care until alternative arrangements are made to meet the person’s needs and wishes in respect to MAID.

Registered staff are asked to familiarize themselves with the guidance from their legislative bodies; links below are for LPNs and RNs. The Canadian Nurses Protection Society encourages nurses to contact them to learn more about their role in providing assistance in MAID

REFERENCES

Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators, Code of Ethics for Licensed Practical Nurses in Canada.

http://www.clpna.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/doc_CCPNR_CLPNA_Code_of_Ethics.pdf

Canadian Nurses Association, Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses.

<https://www.cna-aiic.ca/~media/cna/page-content/pdf-fr/code-of-ethics-for-registered-nurses.pdf?la=en>

Canadian Nurses Protective Society

<http://cnps.ca/MAID>

Yukon Health and Social Services, Medical Assistance in Dying web-site.

<http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/maid.php>

Yukon Medical Council, Medical Assistance in Dying - Standard in Practice.

<http://yukonmedicalcouncil.ca/pdfs/MAID.pdf>

Yukon Registered Nurses Association – YRNA Statement Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying

<http://yrna.ca/wp-content/uploads/YRNA-MAID-STATEMENT-FINAL-Oct-7-6.pdf>

ng Kiddin A/ADM

Approval: ADM, Continuing Care

November 23, 2016

Date