



# Standard of Practice: Medical Assistance in Dying (2023)

A **Standard of Practice** is the minimum standard of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected by the College on a specific issue.

## Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

### Preamble

On February 6, 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada issued a ruling in *Carter v Canada (Attorney General)* striking down certain provisions of the *Criminal Code of Canada* relating to medically assisted death. Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) has been legal in Newfoundland and Labrador since 2016.

Federal legislation establishes the legal framework for MAID in Canada, including eligibility criteria and safeguards that must be satisfied prior to providing MAID.

Physicians are encouraged to consult legal counsel to discuss unique or specific circumstances which may arise, or to obtain specific advice regarding the current state of the law relating to MAID. The College recognizes and anticipates that this Standard may require amendment as additional legislative responses emerge.

### Standard of Practice

The College recognizes the [Model Practice Standard for Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAID\)](#), as adapted by the College, prepared by the MAID Practice Standards Task group as the standard of practice for physicians in Newfoundland and Labrador who provide MAID.

The College also recognizes the [Advice to the Profession: Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAID\)](#) prepared by the MAID Practice Standards Task group as additional guidance which physicians who provide MAID should be familiar with and follow, where applicable.

## Related Documents

MAID Practice Standards Task group (2023) [Model Practice Standard for Medical Assistant in Dying \(MAID\)](#)

MAID Practice Standards Task group (2023) [Advice to the Profession: Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAID\)](#)

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