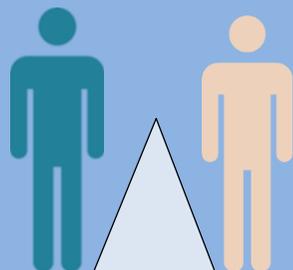


The impact of assisted dying on palliative care

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It is often claimed that palliative care can live comfortably with assisted dying



The reality is very different



Hospice closures

In Canada, hospices refusing to offer assisted deaths have had their funding stopped¹
Assisted deaths are much cheaper than hospice care



Hospice care is no better
In Oregon, growth in hospice use was slower than elsewhere in the US²



Funding remains poor
In Canada, only 15% of people have access to publicly funded home PC⁶

Hospices say no

- Oregon (in 2012): 66% of hospices did not allow staff to take part in assisted deaths.³
- New Zealand: nearly all hospices have refused to participate
- Jersey: hospice will not participate

Palliative care services stall

- In Belgium and the Netherlands 2012-19 growth stalled in home care, hospital and inpatient palliative care services⁵
- Growth in European non-AD countries increased faster than AD countries⁵

Changed doctor-patient relationships

In Canada some doctors found the relationship with patients was more difficult after legalisation⁷

In Australia doctors unable to fulfil legal requirements⁸

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