The reality of assisted dying in Oregon (updated to 2022)1

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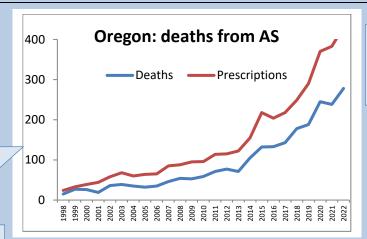
Assisted deaths have more than quadrupled in the last 10 years¹

The US is 43rd in end-of-life care rankings $(\sqrt{34} \text{ places since } 2015)^{2,3}$



Only 13% of assisted deaths had seen a specialist palliative care team4





Complications occurred in 1 in 16 (6.1%).1

Drug cocktails of 4-5 drugs used. On their 4th mixture in 8yrs which have caused prolonged deaths 1



in 2012, 66% of hospices did not allow staff to take part in assisted deaths 5



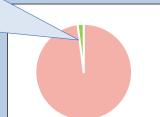
Much official information is missing such as 74% of data on complications¹ Source material is destroyed 1yr after death⁶

In 2022, 46% felt being a burden was a reason for requesting an assisted death (double % of 10yrs ago) 1



doctors prescribe (one wrote 51 prescriptions).

Not known if 101 deaths were because of previous prescription



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