The reality of medically assisted dying in Oregon (updated to 2024)[1]   v8
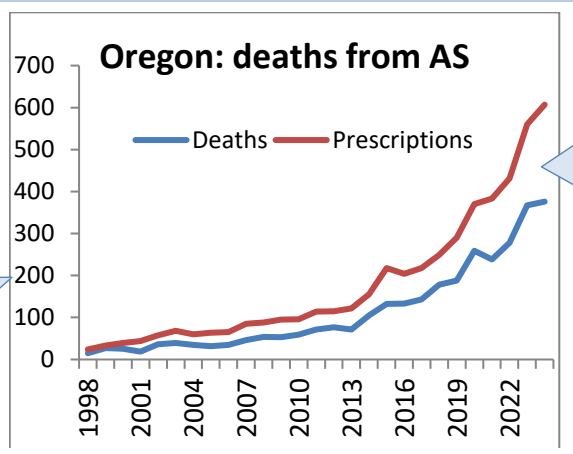
Assisted deaths have more than quadrupled in the last 10 years[1]

Oregon: deaths from AS

Legend: Deaths | Prescriptions
(Y-axis: 0–700; X-axis: 1998–2022)

In 2024 16% did not use their prescriptions.

A further 29% died, but there is no information on whether they took their lethal drugs.

In 2024, 42% felt being a burden was a reason for requesting an assisted death compared with 12% in 1998 [2]

The US is 43rd in end-of-life care rankings (↓34 places since 2015)[3, 4]

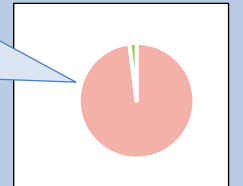Less than 2% of Oregon doctors prescribe (one wrote 84 prescriptions).
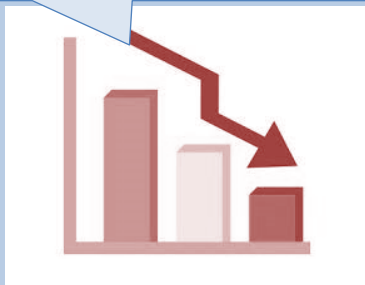
In 2024, death took more than 53mins in half, taking up to 26 hours, but data missing in 68%[1]

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

Only 13% of assisted deaths had seen a specialist palliative care team[5]

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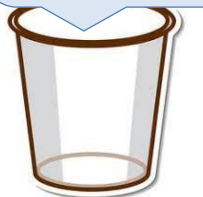
in 2012, 66% of hospices did not allow staff to take part in assisted deaths [6]

Much official information is missing such as 68% of data on complications[1]
Source material is destroyed 1yr after death[7]

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