

The reality of medically assisted dying in Canada



Assisted suicide and euthanasia (MAiD) have been legal since 2016. All legislations see numbers increase.



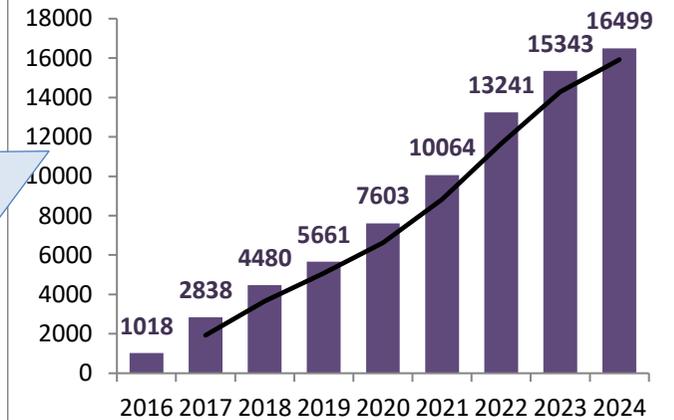
Canada has seen the fastest growth in assisted dying of any legislature

Assisted deaths have risen 15-fold in 7 years<sup>1</sup>

Nearly trebled in first year<sup>1</sup>

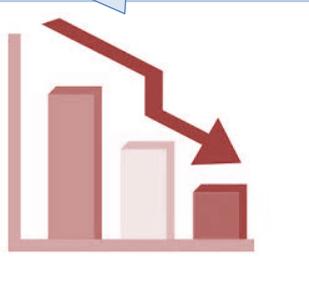
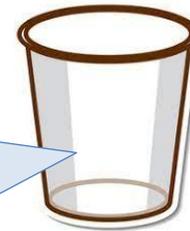
Account for 4.7% of all deaths<sup>1</sup>

Canada: number of AD deaths



Canada is 22<sup>nd</sup> in end-of-life care rankings (down 11 places since 2015)<sup>2, 3</sup>

85% of Canadians do not have access to publicly funded palliative care and many areas have none.<sup>5, 6</sup>  
This increased by only 5% in 5yrs<sup>7</sup>  
41% of AD patients have no access to any form of palliative care<sup>8</sup>



Less than half of assisted deaths have seen a specialist palliative care team<sup>4</sup>



Canada no longer requires a patient to be terminally ill<sup>9</sup>  
Currently debating to allow those with mental illness, learning disability and autism to be included<sup>10</sup>



Official data is sketchy with no information on adherence to eligibility or safeguards<sup>11</sup>

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