

Guide for members of the public responding to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Consultation: *Medical Assistance in Dying*

The policy requires physicians who refuse to cause the death of their patients to help to arrange for someone else to do so (“effective referral”). It also requires physicians who provide MAID/euthanasia/assisted suicide to falsify the cause of death on death certificates.

Physicians, organizations and the public are invited to send feedback to the College in three ways: On-Line Discussion Forum, Email and On-Line Survey.

On-Line Discussion Forum: http://policyconsult.cpsso.on.ca/?page_id=13152

Provide your feedback in comment box.

Your name and email address will not be published.

* denotes a mandatory field.

Email

Respondent  **Mandatory**

Location  **Mandatory**

Gender

Race/Ethnicity

Comment

Type your comments here

 **Click when finished**

Enter your comments using the form at the top of the page. This will register a numbered entry.

Several points are essential. If you agree with them, they should be clearly stated, preferably in your own words.

- 1) The Canadian Medical Association [told the Supreme Court of Canada](#) that euthanasia has always been against medical ethics and many doctors still think it is. The World Medical Association [is against euthanasia and assisted suicide](#).
- 2) In 2016, the [Canadian Medical Association](#) told the College that objecting doctors should not be forced to refer. The American Medical Association told the College the same thing [in 2015](#). The World Medical Association [is against forcing doctors to refer](#) for euthanasia and assisted suicide.

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- 3) If the government wants euthanasia to be easily accessible, the government can make it accessible, just like it is making the Covid vaccine accessible. You don't even need to be a doctor or nurse to do a lethal injection. All you need is the right training. You don't need to involve doctors who don't want to cause the death of their patients or help arrange for it.
- 4) Doctors who don't want to be involved with causing the death of their patients can give patients who ask for euthanasia the number for Telehealth. Telehealth helps anybody looking for any kind of service from the health care system.
- 5) The establishment backs doctors who provide euthanasia. Doctors who do euthanasia don't need protection. Doctors who refuse to be involved in causing the death of their patients need protection from harassment and discrimination.
- 6) Doctors should not falsify death certificates and lie to cover up euthanasia and assisted suicide. Lethal injection isn't health care just because a doctor or nurse does it. But if you think it is health care, you shouldn't have to lie and cover it up.

After making these essential points, you can add further comments you think relevant.

Email = maid@cpsy.on.ca

Instead of commenting in the Discussion Forum you can email the College. Follow the guidelines above in writing your email.

On-line survey: https://cpsy.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bj6TFcTuUITlfr7

The On-line survey is the most complicated part of the consultation. It has been designed to serve the College's purposes and is easily tabulated by computer. The College is likely to pay more attention to completed surveys than other input.

You must complete the survey on-line, but you can download a copy to review beforehand from:

http://policyconsult.cpsy.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/MAID_Survey_PDF.pdf