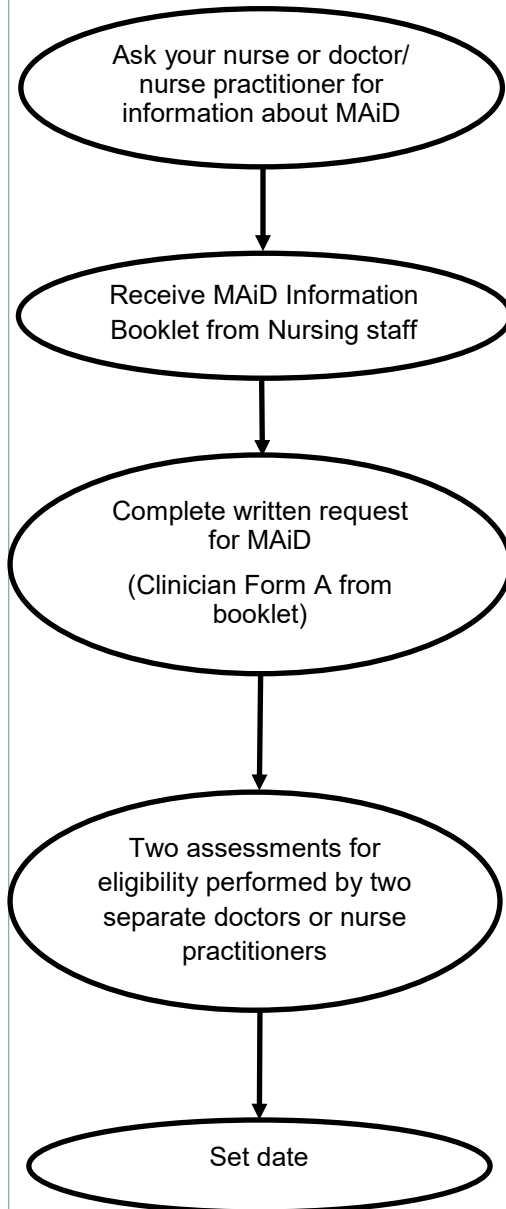


MAiD Process



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Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)



Questions
Concerns
Personal Decision



In order to be eligible for MAiD, you must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Be eligible for health services funded by the federal government, or a province/territory
- Visitors to Canada generally are not eligible for medical assistance in dying
- Be at least 18 years old and mentally competent. This means being capable of making health care decisions for yourself
- Have a grievous and irremediable medical condition definition:
 - ⇒ Have a serious illness, disease or disability (excluding a mental illness until reassessed March 17, 2024)
 - ⇒ Be in an advanced state of decline that **cannot** be reversed
 - ⇒ Experience unbearable physical or mental suffering from your illness, disease, disability or state of decline that **cannot** be relieved under conditions that you consider acceptable
 - ⇒ You do **not** need to have a fatal or terminal condition to be eligible for medical assistance in dying.
- Make a voluntary request for MAiD that is not the result of outside pressure or influence
- Give written informed consent to receive MAiD

Process to Request MAiD

Patient may ask the Physician (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Primary Nurse or Charge Nurse

Staff will contact the Palliative Care Team to help collaborate with the MD/ NP to optimize your care needs first if appropriate.

1. Pain and Symptom Management
2. Disease Management
3. Dietary Needs
4. Physio. & Occupational Therapy
6. Family Support
7. Spiritual Needs
8. Advance Care Planning



The MAiD Information Booklet will be given to you to read over and discuss with the MD/NP and Palliative Care Team.

When you are ready, you will be asked to sign a Clinician Aid A Form. It needs to be witnessed by one (1) independent witness (cannot be someone who benefits from your will, or be part of your medical care). Palliative Care can also call Dying with Dignity to help witness your signature.

There is no longer a 10 day waiting period. It is dependant on Patient, MD/NP, Staff and Pharmacy coordination.

You will need to meet with two (2) Independent MD/NPs to review your request and determine eligibility. Family members are able to attend.

The 1st MD/NP will be the provider of the procedure (usually the first Assessor).

The 2nd MD/NP will be either your family physician or your current doctor in the hospital to follow up with the Provider.

Once both MD/NPs deem you a candidate for the MAiD procedure, you may take your time to finalize any Advance Care Planning, optimize your time with family, and then set a date.

You may be asked if you would like to donate your organs or tissues. Please let us know of your wishes and we can connect you with Trillium Gift of Life Network for assessment and making arrangements.

Once you have chosen the date, the provider can make preparations with you to have the procedure done in hospital or at home. This is your personal day. Take your time and plan. The Palliative Care Team will be there to support your decisions with your family/support/person of your choice. If MAiD to be done in the hospital please inquire regarding how many people can visit, stay overnight or be present on the day of the procedure.