

Medical Assistance in Dying Care Coordination Service

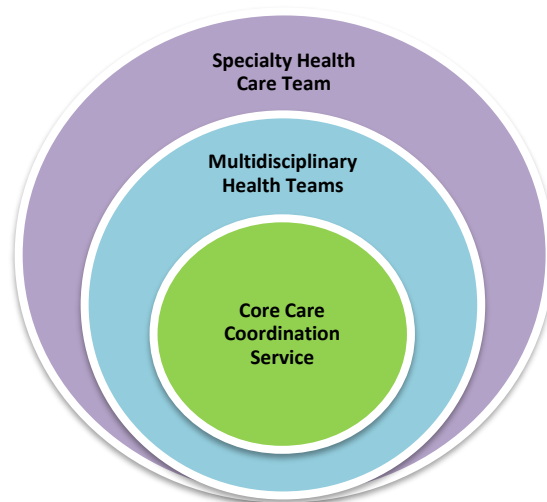
Alberta Health Services has developed a Medical Assistance in Dying Care Coordination Service to act as a single point of contact for patients, families and health care providers. Three teams have been set up; one based in Edmonton (to support the Edmonton and North Zones), one based in Calgary (for Calgary and Central Zones) and one in Lethbridge (for the South Zone).

These teams are available to generally discuss all end-of-life options available, including Medical Assistance in Dying. These teams will also connect a patient to the health care provider or team who can best meet their unique needs so that further, in depth, discussions can be had to understand those needs. The teams recognize that choices may vary from patient to patient and acknowledge that there is no right or wrong choice.

Care Coordination Service Responsibilities

- Support patients and families by providing information and access to education and supports, and linkages to all end-of-life care options including Medical Assistance in Dying care and services.
- Support AHS physicians, non-AHS physicians and members of interdisciplinary health care teams across the province in the coordination of care and services related to Medical Assistance in Dying and all end-of-life care options, and provide linkages to education, resource materials, and specialty consultation services.

Composition of Care Coordination Service teams



The “core” Care Coordination Service will be made up of nurse navigators, physicians and operational leaders.

Local and provincial multidisciplinary providers (including AHS Legal, Ethics, Addictions and Mental Health, spiritual care, social work, cultural care, and palliative care) may be accessed by the core Care Coordination Service to connect the patient with the most appropriate services or facilitate the request for medical assistance in dying.

Specialty health care providers from relevant programs and services (e.g. Cancer Control, Neurology, etc.) may be accessed by the core Care Coordination Service to connect the patient with the most appropriate services or facilitate the request for medical assistance in dying.

Contact Information

To find out more about medical assistance in dying visit www.ahs.ca/MAID.

To request information about the Medical Assistance in Dying Care Coordination Service, email MAID.CareTeam@ahs.ca.