

Medical assistance in dying (MAID) data update

Updated January 3, 2017

Medical assistance in dying (MAID) data is broken up into two sections.

Section one includes cumulative provincial and zone data. This data is updated on a **weekly** basis.

Section two includes average age of patients, number of people who did not meet federal mandatory eligibility criteria, number of patients transferred from a non-AHS facility, and most cited health conditions. This data is updated on a **monthly** basis.

This data is provided by the MAID navigators from each zone and is the only MAID data to be referenced by AHS, with media or general public.

AHS Communications will update this data and share with appropriate individuals every Monday.

Section One (current as of January 3, 2017)

Since February 6, 2016, when court orders made medically-assisted death possible, Alberta Health Services has provided medical assistance in dying to 62 patients.

Six of those deaths occurred between February 6, 2016 and June 17, 2016, when federal legislation removed the need to attain a court order prior to undergoing medical assistance in dying.

Numbers are reported provincially and by zone. Zones have been grouped and reported together where numbers were less than five events per zone to protect patient privacy. As numbers rise to five or above, zones will be reported separately.

Medical Assistance in Dying Activities			
Zone	Total	Facility	Community
South	8		
Calgary/Central	20		
Edmonton	29		
North	5		
TOTAL	62	43	19

Section Two (Current as of November 30, 2016)

There have been **34** people who have not met the federal criteria across the province to receive medical assistance in dying.

Some ineligibility reasons include:

- mental health diagnosis
- loss of capacity or competency
- death is not reasonably foreseeable

The most cited health conditions to date:

- cancer
- multiple sclerosis (MS)
- amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

The average age of people receiving this service

- South: 71
- Calgary/Central: 69
- Edmonton: 70
- North: 66

Six patients have been transferred to receive medical assistance in dying. Four have been transferred from faith-based facilities and two have been transferred from non-faith-based facilities to either a participating facility (AHS) or to the patient's home to receive medical assistance in dying.