

Medical assistance in dying (MAID) data update

Updated January 16, 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 16, 2017)

Since February 6, 2016, when court orders made medically-assisted death possible, Alberta Health Services has provided medical assistance in dying to 71 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.

*Report from Dec 26, 2016 (last report of the year) reported 63 patients received medical assistance in dying for the province. This has been adjusted to 62.

Medical Assistance in Dying Activities			
Zone	Total	Facility	Community
South	10		
Calgary	18		
Central	6		
Edmonton	31		
North	6		
TOTAL	71	47	24

Section Two (Current as of December 31, 2016)

There have been **36** 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

Twelve patients have been transferred to receive medical assistance in dying. Ten 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.