

Standards, Limits and Conditions

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1. Licensed practical nurses ensure that a client has access to the information that the client requires to understand all of their options and to make informed decisions about medical assistance in dying and other end-of-life options such as palliative care.
2. Licensed practical nurses assess the cultural and spiritual needs and wishes of the person seeking medical assistance in dying and explore ways the person's needs could be met within the context of the care delivery.
3. Licensed practical nurses work with their organizations and other members of the health care team to ensure that the person requesting or receiving medical assistance receives high quality, coordinated and uninterrupted continuity of care and, if needed, safe transfer of the client's care to another health care provider.
4. Licensed practical nurses who participate in medical assistance in dying, follow legal, legislative, regulatory and organizational requirements for aiding in the provision of medical assistance in dying.
5. Licensed practical nurses may return unused substances intended for the purpose of providing medical assistance in dying to the pharmacy, when asked by the assessor-prescriber. When asked to carry out such a request, licensed practical nurses ensure the drugs are stored securely until transported and are returned to the pharmacy within 72 hours of the MAiD procedure, and they sign any forms normally signed by the assessor-prescriber to note the return of the substances.

Limits and Conditions

1. Licensed practical nurses only aid in the provision of medical assistance in dying and do not act as an assessor or assessor-prescriber¹⁵ or provide medical assistance in dying to a person (i.e., they do not prescribe, compound, prepare, dispense or administer any substances specifically intended for the purpose of providing medical assistance in dying, nor document the provision of medical assistance in dying).
2. Licensed practical nurses do not receive substances specifically intended for the purpose of providing medical assistance in dying from a pharmacist.
3. Licensed practical nurses do not direct or counsel clients to end their lives.

¹⁵ Assessor: A nurse practitioner or medical practitioner who is responsible for completing an assessment of the client's eligibility for medical assistance in dying.

Assessor-Prescriber: A nurse practitioner or medical practitioner who is responsible for completing both an eligibility assessment and providing medical assistance in dying by prescribing and (when applicable) administering the substance to be used in MAiD. This role may be referred to by other regulatory colleges as the "prescribing nurse practitioner".

