



10 Myths about MAiD

(Medical Assistance in Dying)



Myth 1: I can only have MAiD in a hospital.

Fact: MAiD can be provided at home or in a health facility.



Myth 6: If my family doesn't agree, then I can't have MAiD.

Fact: The decision to have MAiD is yours alone.



Myth 2: MAiD is the same as suicide.

Fact: MAiD is a legal option to have medical help to die to end suffering in specific situations. It is not suicide.



Myth 7: Having an assisted death affects my life insurance policy.

Fact: Your life insurance and Canada Pension Plan are not affected by MAiD.



Myth 3: MAiD is only available in certain provinces.

Fact: MAiD is legally available across Canada.



Myth 8: Only people who are in a lot of pain qualify for MAiD.

Fact: You must be suffering to have MAiD. Your suffering can be physical or emotional or both.



Myth 4: MAiD is only for people who are dying.

Fact: To be eligible, a person must have a serious, incurable medical condition, but their death does not have to be in the foreseeable future.



Myth 9: It will be harder on my family if I choose to have MAiD.

Fact: Losing you will be hard no matter how you die. Many families say they are comforted knowing that it was your choice and on your terms.



Myth 5: I can't be an organ donor after MAiD.

Fact: The nature of your illness determines if you can donate your organs.



Myth 10: If I choose MAiD then I will not have access to palliative care.

Fact: Palliative care continues to death and afterwards to provide grief support for family or friends.

Talk to your healthcare provider, your provincial or territorial MAiD service, or visit www.virtualhospice.ca/MAiD for more information.

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