

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING RESOURCE GROUP (MAID-RG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE (Approved by CEO September 2016)

PRINCIPLE

With the Bill C-14 becoming law on Jun 16, 2016 Medical Assistance in Dying becomes a new reality facing family physicians in Canada. The CFPC understands the importance of this change and is working to support its family physician members through education, advocacy and training.

The goal of this resource group is to bring together experts in this area to ensure the CFPC can rely on their knowledge and experience when working on projects relevant to this development.

PURPOSE

This Resource Group will serve in advisory capacity to inform and support CFPC activity on the Medical Assistance in Dying file using a family medicine lens. This will include input on accreditation standards for residency training and continuing professional development, as well as feedback on emerging issues. The membership of the group will consist of family physicians with experience in policy, academic and clinical aspects of this service and circumstances around providing it. The group will strive to identify and share best practices in this area and allow for connecting of experts around Canada to share this knowledge. The group will be consulted regularly to identify existing efforts in this area by other stakeholders. This information will be used to avoid duplication and to distribute information about available resources to family physicians.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To provide family medicine perspective on policy and clinical developments in the area of Medical Assisted Dying to help inform CFPC activity.
2. To identify the kinds of support required by family physicians in Canada in order to be able to confidently assist their patients with questions regarding MAID services.
3. To review and provide feedback on documents and tools that the CFPC might develop in this area, including:
 - a. Practice Support Tools
 - b. Clinical Guidance Documents
 - c. Continuing Professional Development modules

d. Suggested training modifications for undergraduate and postgraduate education

4. Use their networks to connect CFPC to relevant expertise that might exist and to help disseminate CFPC work in this area.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The resource group is accountable to Executive Director, Member and External Affairs. It is being supported by staff from the Health Policy and Government Relations. The group will be supported by operating budget assigned to Health Policy and Government Relations department.

MEMBERS

The Working Group will be comprised of 7-9 family physician members selected based on their knowledge and expertise in the area of Medical Assistance in Dying. The members will be recruited through the CFPC Committees and their network.

Staff Support: Health Policy Coordinator, Director, Health Policy and Government Relations; Manager, Health Policy and Government; and other staff as needed.

The membership term will be two years, with member turnover encouraged to ensure continuously fresh perspectives. .

TERM OF THE RESOURCE GROUP

The Resource Group is an advisory body. The relevance of its mandate will be continuously evaluated by both the CFPC's CEO and the members of the Resource Group.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

There will be no face to face meetings for the Resource Group.

Majority of consultation will be carried out via e-mail with short tele/videoconferences for relevant discussions if deemed necessary.