

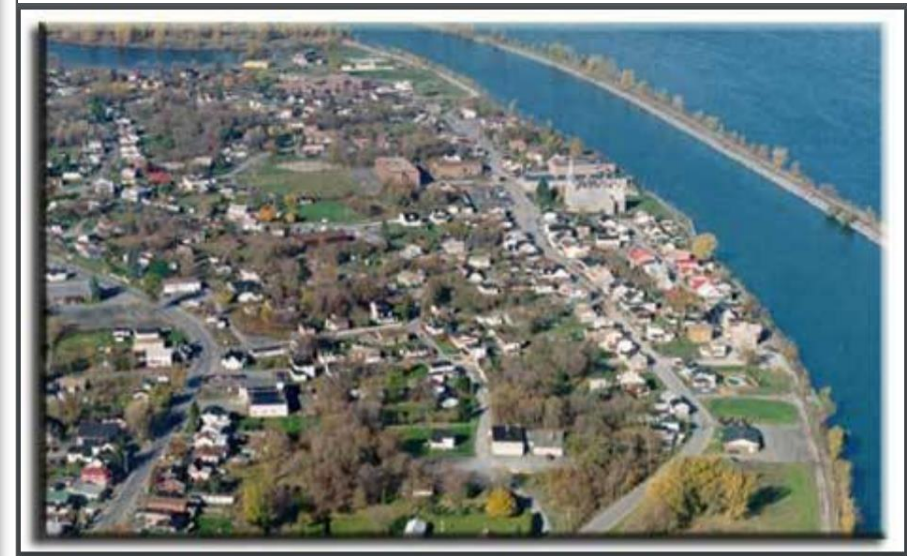
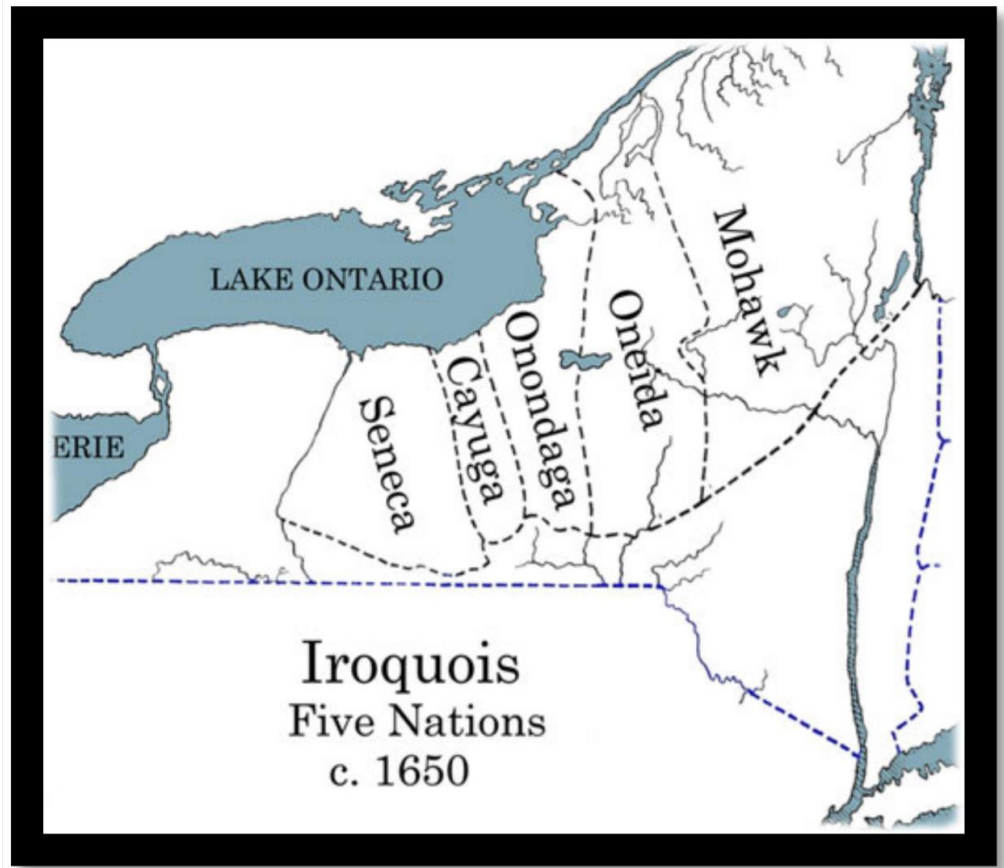
Medical Assistance in Dying

**What is our role as MDs
to support our patients?**

David Dannenbaum MDCM
McGill Family Medicine Refresher course
Dec 5, 2022

david.dannenbaum.med@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

Acknowledge and Thank Kanien'kehaka (people of the flint/Mohawk) Territory



No Conflicts of Interests

no financial conflict of interest.

Acknowledge I am a MAID provider

My opinions may show a bias towards
my belief in supporting MAID

Objectives

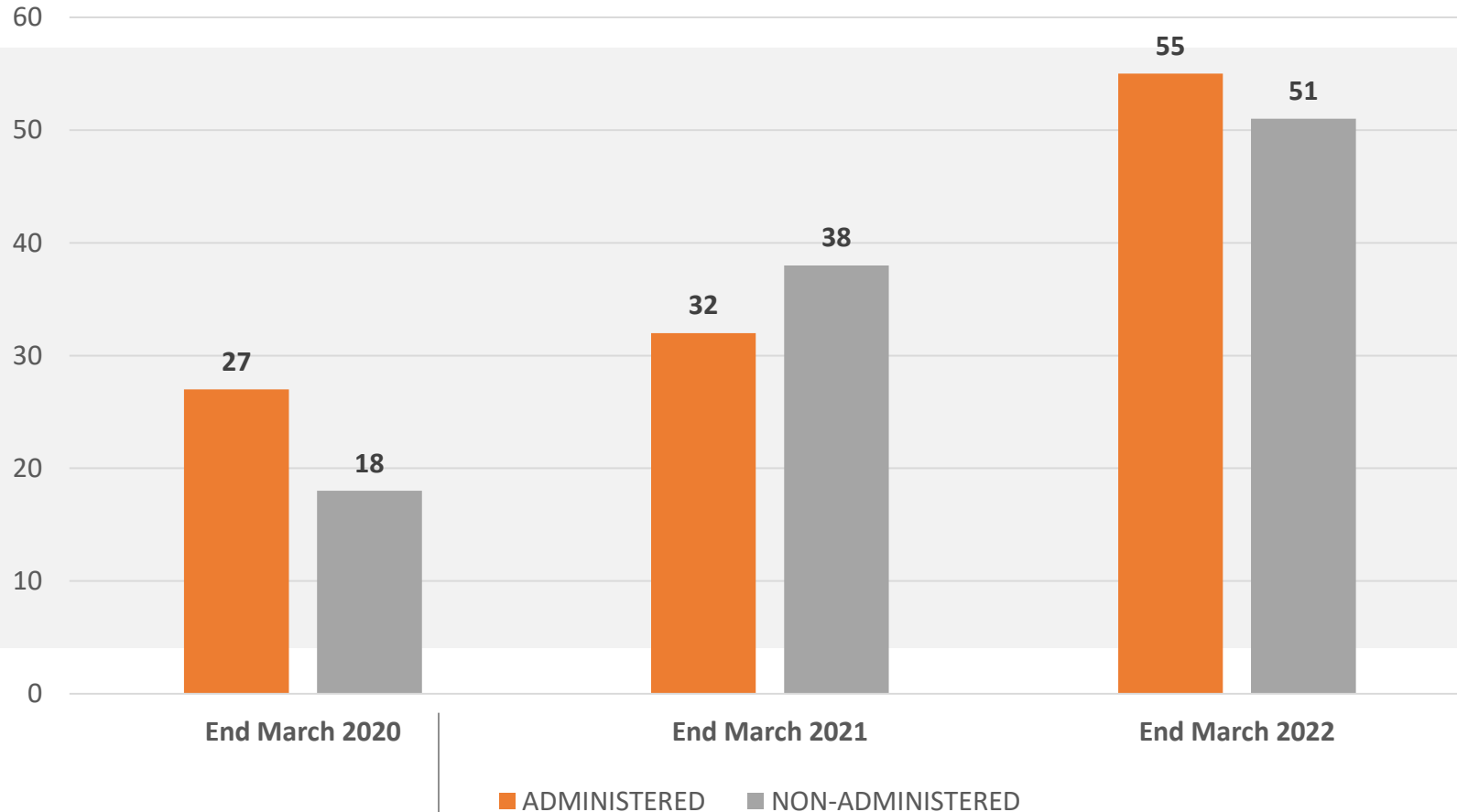
- Share the experience of MAID from provider and recipient perspective.
- Challenge yourself to rethink your perspective on MAID.
- What can you do as non-MAID provider physician ?

FEW MAID stats – 2020

**7,596 cases of MAID reported in Canada,
accounting for 2.5 % of all deaths in Canada that year.**

- **83% received palliative care
(of those who did not receive PC, 88.5% were offered it and declined)**
- **90% of recipients requiring disability support were reported as
having received these services.**
- **47% received MAID in private residence.**

MAID: CIUSSS centre-Ouest



2020-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Administered **vs**

NON-Administered MAiD

30% MAID requests do not receive MAID

No one wants to die,
but once it is inevitable it can be a
beautiful part of the circle of life.

Dr Liz MacNamara

Where do you see your role,
when a patient's end of life (EOL) is near?

Medical Assistance in Dying - an EOL option

- Most people do not choose MAID for their EOL scenario.
- MAID is offered in conjunction with palliative care, and other comfort measures.
- Can be received in comfort and privacy of home
- Provides a peaceful, respectful death, surrounded by loved ones.
- **Brings dignity to death**
- **A celebration of life**

Why do I provide MAID?

- Return to the humanity of medicine.
Listen , don't judge
- Maid is both the hardest part of my practice,
and at the same time most rewarding.
- Gratitude from patients and family keeps me going.
**“Thank you for doing the work you do.
Please don't stop ”**

Gaetan Marchand

September 30, 1939
- October 19, 2022



Role of non-MAID providers

No HCW is ever required to provide MAID .

95% of Physicians do not provide MAID.

It is the law, and a doctor's duty to refer anyone who requests MAID to be evaluated by a MAID assessor/provider

Referring a patient does not mean they will receive MAID.

Even if you are not sure about eligibility, refer the the patient for evaluation.



Erase

Print

Save as

REQUEST FOR MEDICAL AID IN DYING

Last name		
First name		
Date of birth	Year	Month Day
Health insurance number	Year	Month
Address	Epiry	
Postal code	Area code	
Telephone no.		

I request that Dr. (name of physician) **physician** administer me medical aid in dying. I have received the necessary information regarding the conditions required to obtain and have access to this aid.

I authorize the pharmacist, who will provide the medications for administering me medical aid in dying, to receive a copy of my request.

Signature (patient): _____ Date

Year	Month	Day
------	-------	-----

Authorized third person¹: If the patient requesting medical aid in dying cannot date and sign the form because he or she cannot write or is physically incapable of doing so, a third person may do so in the patient's presence and according to his or her instructions.

First and last name of the authorized third person: _____

Domiciled at (address): _____

Relation to the patient requesting medical aid in dying: _____

Signature: _____ Date

Year	Month	Day
------	-------	-----

Health or social services professional present when the person requesting medical aid in dying or the authorized third person signed and dated the form:		
First and last name	Title	Licence No.
Signature of professional	Year	Month Day
Independent witnesses present when the person requesting medical aid in dying or the authorized third person signed and dated the form ² :		
Witness 1: First and last name	Signature	Year Month Day
Witness 2: First and last name	Signature	Year Month Day

The original of this form must be given to the attending physician and filed in the record of the patient requesting medical aid in dying in accordance with section 32 of the Act respecting end-of-life care.

¹ In accordance with Section 27 of the Act Respecting End-of-Life Care and in view of Section 241.2(4) of the Criminal Code, the third person may not be a member of the team responsible for caring for the patient, a minor or a person of full age incapable of giving consent, or know or believe that he or she is the beneficiary under the will of the person making the request or otherwise a recipient of a financial or other material benefit resulting from that person's death. The third person must also understand the nature of a request for medical aid in dying.

² Section 241.2(5) of the Criminal Code stipulates that the request must be signed and dated in front of two independent adult witnesses who understand the nature of a request for medical aid in dying. A witness cannot be considered independent if they a) know or believe that they are a beneficiary under the will of the person making the request or otherwise a recipient of a financial or other material benefit resulting from that person's death, b) is an owner or operator of a healthcare facility at which the person making the request is being treated or in which that person resides, c) is directly involved in providing healthcare services to the person making the request, or d) directly provides personal care to the person making the request.

MAID request is NOT an evaluation

CIUSSS intranet or CMQ web site. Or call us!

Signed by patient,
and witnessed by any health care professional can sign.
(except medical residents)

Only one witness needed

Email form to:

06CCOMTL.Maid.ccomtl@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

Just call us, and we will guide you through any Qs.

Iustina - office of DPS

CIUSSS centre Ovest

(514) 340 8222 ext. 25060

Eligibility Criteria

1. Adult (18 years)
2. Eligible for government-funded health services (no tourists)
3. Voluntary request
4. Capacity to make a request for MAiD and give informed consent
5. Grievous & Irremediable medical condition
 - serious and incurable illness, disease or disability*
 - advanced state of irreversible decline in capability (function)
 - enduring suffering that is intolerable and cannot be relieved

Pre and Post MAID support

- Bridge4you.ca
- Peer support for applicants and loved ones prior to MAID
- BridgeC-14.org
- Peer support along the journey and post MAID



Naomi Kogan
1952 - 2020



Conclusion : What can you do?

1. listen , and don't judge.

Support end of Life conversations with your patients

2. Self reflect on your own biases around MAID

3. Learn more about MAID, shadow a MAID provider

4 ***Get involved !***

start with 2nd MD evaluation for eligibility

Questions ?

