

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

Statistical Report

2023 Quarter Two

April 1 – June 30, 2023



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1. Data Limitations & Data Suppression

The data presented is collected in accordance with the [Federal Regulations for the Monitoring of Medical Assistance in Dying](#) that came into force on November 1, 2018. In British Columbia, the Ministry of Health was designated as the recipient of all federally reportable information for the province. Medical practitioners and nurse practitioners are required to report on all written requests for MAiD, and pharmacists must report on the dispensation of drugs for the purposes of MAiD.

To protect the personal health information and privacy of those who have requested or received MAiD, statistics involving small numbers (less than a dozen individuals) have been suppressed to remove the risk of potential identification of individuals through the combination of datasets.

The data in this report represents **721** individuals who were provided MAiD between **April 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023**.

2. MAiD Provisions in B.C. by Health Authority

Health Authority	2023 MAiD Deaths (April 1 - June 30, 2023)	%
Fraser Health	154	21.4%
Interior Health	157	21.8%
Northern Health	29	4.0%
Vancouver Coastal Health	149	20.7%
Vancouver Island Health	232	32.2%
B.C.	721	100.0%

3. Profile of Persons Receiving MAiD in B.C.

The following tables represent **721 MAiD Deaths** from **April 1 to June 30, 2023**.

3.1 Sex and Average Age of Persons Receiving MAiD

Sex	2023 (Apr 1- Jun 30)	%
Male	358	49.7%
Female	363	50.3%
B.C. MAiD Deaths	721	

Average Age by Sex (Apr 1 - Jun 30)
76 years
79 Years

3.2 Age Range of Persons Receiving MAiD

Age Range	2023 (Apr 1 - Jun 30)
18-55 years*	4.3%
56-64 years	9.0%
65-70 years	11.9%
71-75 years	15.3%
76-80 years	16.8%
81-85 years	13.2%
86-90 years	15.0%
91+ years	14.6%

**Age groups 18-45 years and 46-55 years have been combined due to low numbers.*

3.3 MAiD by Illness, Disease, or Disability

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the proportion of the 721 individuals who received MAiD and the specified underlying illness, disease, or disability, as indicated on the Prescribing Practitioner’s Assessment records during that reporting period. As some individuals have multiple underlying medical conditions, the percentages do not total to 100%. The occurrence of each condition may also be slightly higher than indicated due to medical conditions that have been reported only as part of the Other Condition/ Co-morbidities categorization and not as an individual condition.

MAiD by Main Condition	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Cancer	58.8%
Neurological Condition	14.4%
Respiratory Disease	12.8%
Cardio-vascular condition	19.6%
Organ Failure	6.9%
Other Condition / Co-morbidity	30.8%

3.3(a) MAiD by Cancer Type

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each type of cancer among the 424 individuals who received MAiD that had at least one type of cancer. Some individuals were reported as having more than one type of cancer; therefore, the percentages do not total to 100%.

Cancer Type	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Breast	7.5%
Colorectal	10.8%
Hematologic	9.7%
Lung	15.8%
Ovarian	4.0%
Pancreas	9.7%
Prostate	9.4%
Other Cancer	36.6%

3.3(b) MAiD by Neurological Condition

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each neurological condition among the 104 individuals who received MAiD that had at least one neurological condition. Some individuals were reported as having more than one type of neurological condition; therefore, the percentages do not total to 100%.

Neurological Condition	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/Multiple Sclerosis*	25.0%
Dementia	19.2%
Parkinson’s Disease	23.1%
Other Neurological Condition	35.6%

****Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Multiple Sclerosis have been combined due to low numbers.***

3.3(c) MAiD by Respiratory Disease

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each respiratory disease among the 92 individuals who received MAiD that had at least one respiratory disease. Some individuals were reported as having more than one type of respiratory disease; therefore, the percentages do not total to 100%.

Respiratory Disease	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	78.3%
Pulmonary Fibrosis/Other Respiratory Disease*	23.9%

****Pulmonary Fibrosis and Other Respiratory Disease have been combined due to low numbers***

3.3(d) MAiD by Cardiovascular Condition

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each cardiovascular condition among the 141 individuals who received MAiD that had at least one cardiovascular condition. Some individuals were reported as having more than one type of cardiovascular condition; therefore, the percentages do not total to 100%.

Cardiovascular Condition	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Atrial Fibrillation	23.4%
Congestive Heart Failure	54.6%
Vasculopathy	18.4%
Other Cardiovascular Condition	34.8%

3.3(e) MAiD by Organ Failure

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each type of organ failure among the 50 individuals who received MAiD that had at least one type of organ failure. Some individuals were reported as having more than one type of organ failure; therefore, the percentages do not total to 100%.

Organ Failure	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Kidney	86.0%
Other Organ Failure*	18.0%

**Combined due to low numbers*

3.3(f) MAiD by Other Condition or Comorbidity

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each other condition or comorbidity among the 222 individuals who received MAiD that had other conditions or co-morbidities. Some individuals were reported as having more than one other condition or comorbidity; therefore, the percentages do not total to 100%.

Other Condition/Comorbidity	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Frailty	66.2%
Chronic Pain	27.0%
Diabetes	8.1%
Other Comorbidities	50.5%

3.4 Source of Written MAiD Request

Requests Received by MAiD Prescribers in B.C	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
MAiD Requestor Directly	11.5%
Another Practitioner	15.4%
MAiD Care Coordination Service	71.0%
Another Third Party/Other	2.1%

3.5 Location of MAiD Provision

Location of MAiD Provision	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)
Assisted Living Residence	2.8%
Community Care and Residential Care Facility (including long term care)	3.5%
Hospice	12.8%
Hospital (<i>excluding Palliative Care Beds</i>)	28.2%
Medical Office or Clinic, Ambulatory, or Other	3.3%
Palliative Care Facility (<i>including hospital based palliative care beds/units</i>)	8.5%
Private Residence	41.1%

4. MAiD Provisions by Prescriber Type

MAiD Prescriber Type	2023 (Apr 1 – Jun 30)	
	Count	%
Medical Practitioner	599	83.1%
Nurse Practitioner	122	16.9%
B.C. Total MAiD Deaths	721	