

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Statistical Report 2024



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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](#) (the Regulations) 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. Any MAiD Request signed prior to November 1, 2018, was not subject to the Regulations, and therefore the available data for MAiD provisions prior to that date is more limited.

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.

2. MAiD Provisions in B.C. By Health Authority (2024)

Health Authority	2024 MAiD Deaths	%
Fraser Health	667	22.2%
Interior Health	680	22.7%
Island Health	904	30.1%
Northern Health	116	3.9%
Vancouver Coastal Health	633	21.1%
B.C.	3,000	100.0%

3. Profile of Persons Receiving MAiD in B.C. (2024)

3.1 Sex at Birth of Persons Receiving MAiD

Sex at Birth	2024 (Jan 1 – Dec 31)	%
Male	1,493	49.8%
Female	1,507	50.2%
Total	3,000	100.0%

3.2 Average Age and Age Range of Persons Receiving MAiD (2024)

Average Age by Sex at Birth	2024 (Jan 1 – Dec 31)
Male	77
Female	79

MAiD Deaths by Age Group

Age Range	2024 (Jan 1 – Dec 31)
18-45 years	1.5%
46-55 years	2.6%
56-64 years	7.8%
65-70 years	11.2%
71-75 years	14.9%
76-80 years	17.0%
81-85 years	15.7%
86-90 years	13.5%
91+ years	15.8%

3.3 MAiD by Underlying Medical Conditions

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the proportion of the **3,000** individuals who received MAiD and the specified underlying medical condition(s), as indicated on the Prescribing Practitioner's assessment records during that reporting period. As some individuals have multiple underlying medical conditions, the percentages may not total 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/ Comorbidity categorization and not as an individual condition.

MAiD by Underlying Medical Conditions	2024 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)
Cancer	58.4%
Cardiovascular condition	21.1%
Neurological Condition	14.6%
Respiratory Disease	12.3%
Organ Failure	9.6%
Other Condition / Comorbidity	35.0%

3.3(a) MAiD by Cancer Type

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each type of cancer among the **1,751** individuals who received MAiD that had at least one type of cancer. Some individuals may have been reported as having more than one type of cancer; therefore, the percentages may not total 100%.

Cancer Type	2024 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)
Lung	19.3%
Colorectal	10.4%
Prostate	9.5%
Pancreas	9.3%
Hematological	8.5%
Breast	7.9%
Ovary	3.7%
Other Cancer	37.5%

3.3(b) MAiD by Cardiovascular Condition

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each cardiovascular condition among the **663** individuals who received MAiD that had at least one cardiovascular condition. Some individuals may have more than one type of cardiovascular condition; therefore, the percentages may not total 100%.

Cardiovascular Condition	2024 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)
Congestive Heart Failure	49.8%
Atrial Fibrillation	35.5%
Vasculopathy	17.9%
Other Cardiovascular Condition	34.3%

3.3(c) MAiD by Neurological Condition

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each neurological condition among the **437** individuals who received MAiD that had at least one neurological condition. Some individuals may have been reported as having more than one type of neurological condition; therefore, the percentages may not total 100%.

Neurological Condition	2024 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)
Dementia	29.3%
Parkinson's Disease	16.5%
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	14.4%
Multiple Sclerosis	7.3%
Other Neurological Condition	39.4%

3.3(d) MAiD by Organ Failure

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each type of organ failure among the **288** individuals who received MAiD that had at least one type of organ failure. Some individuals may have been reported as having more than one type of organ failure; therefore, the percentages may not total 100%.

Organ Failure	2024 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)
Kidney	79.5%
Liver	18.1%
Other Organ Failure	6.9%

3.3(e) MAiD by Respiratory Disease

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each respiratory disease among the **370** individuals who received MAiD that had at least one respiratory disease. Some individuals may have been reported as having more than one type of respiratory disease; therefore, the percentages may not total 100%.

Respiratory Disease	2024 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	73.5%
Pulmonary Fibrosis	15.9%
Other Respiratory Disease	16.2%

3.3(f) MAiD by Other Condition or Comorbidity

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each condition or comorbidity among the **1,049** individuals who received MAiD that had other conditions or comorbidities. Some individuals may have been reported as having more than one other condition or comorbidity; therefore, the percentages may not total 100%.

Other Conditions/Comorbidity	2024 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)
Frailty	65.9%
Chronic Pain	32.0%
Diabetes	11.6%
Autoimmune Condition	1.7%
Other Comorbidity*	44.7%

****Mental Disorder (excluding neurocognitive/neurodevelopmental conditions) have been combined with Other Comorbidity due to low numbers.***

3.4 Source of Written MAiD Request

Requests Received by MAiD Prescribers in B.C.	2024 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)
MAiD Care Coordination Service	72.4%
Another Practitioner	16.7%
MAiD Requestor Directly	9.4%
Another Third Party	1.5%

****Another Third Party includes: Nurse, Social Worker, Hospital Staff, Palliative Care Staff, Medical Clinic Staff.***

3.5 Location of MAiD Provision

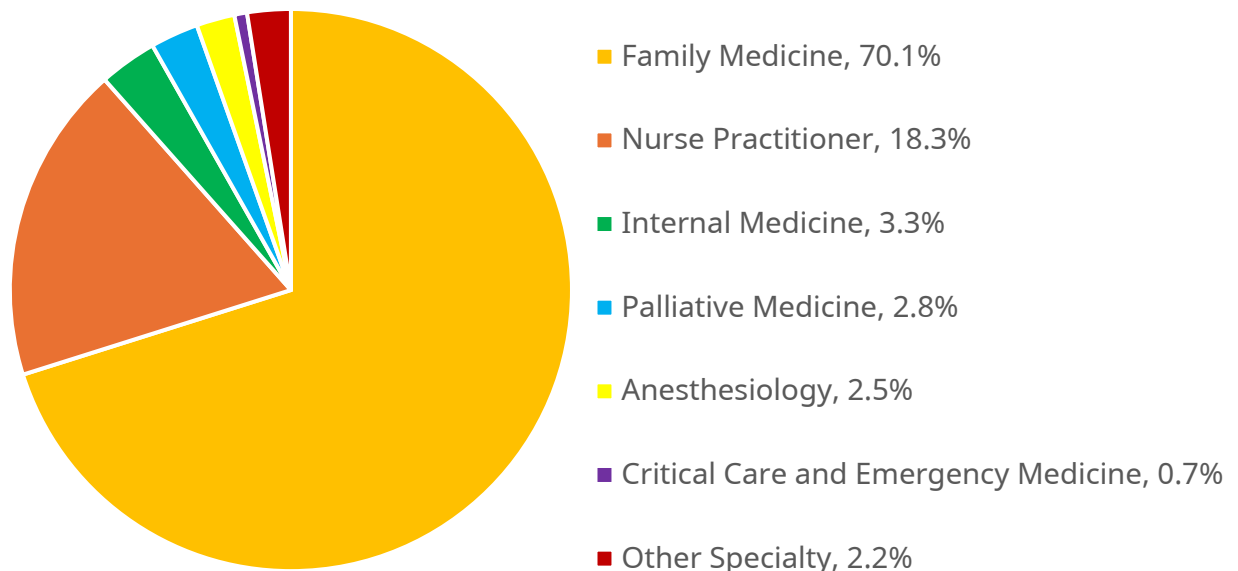
Location of MAiD Provision	2024 (Jan 1 – Dec 31)
Private Residence	40.2%
Hospital <i>(excluding Palliative Care Beds)</i>	26.9%
Hospice	12.9%
Palliative Care Facility <i>(including hospital based Palliative Care Beds/units)</i>	8.9%
Community Care Facility	4.6%
Residential Care Facility <i>(including long term and assisted living residence)</i>	3.1%
Medical Clinic or Ambulatory Setting	0.8%
Other Location	2.6%

4. Profile of MAiD Prescribers in B.C. (2024)

4.1 MAiD Provisions by Prescriber Type

BC MAiD Prescriber Type	2024 (Jan 1 – Dec 31)	
	Count	%
Physician	2,453	81.8%
Nurse Practitioner	547	18.2%
B.C. Total MAiD Deaths	3,000	100.0%

4.2 Specialty of MAiD Prescribers in 2024



Explanatory Notes:

1. The above chart represents the specialty of the MAiD Prescriber for the **3,000** MAiD deaths reported to the Ministry of Health that took place between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.
2. For this report “Palliative Medicine” includes Family Medicine with an area of focus in Palliative Medicine and “Other Specialty” includes Geriatric Medicine, Respiratory Medicine, and Psychiatry*.

**Psychiatry and Oncology are separate categories in the Health Canada annual MAiD report but have been included in the Other Specialty category in B.C. due to low numbers.*