

Medical Assistance in Dying
(MAiD)
Statistical Report
2022



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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 (2022)

Health Authority	2022 MAiD Deaths
Fraser Health	523
Interior Health	554
Northern Health	101
Vancouver Coastal Health	514
Island Health	823
B.C.	2,515

3. Profile of Persons Receiving MAiD in B.C. (2022)

3.1 Sex of Persons Receiving MAiD

Sex	2022	%
Male	1,259	50.1%
Female	1,256	49.9%
B.C. MAiD Deaths	2,515	

3.2 Average Age of Persons Receiving MAiD (2022)

Average Age MAiD by Sex	2022
Male	76
Female	79

3.3 MAiD Deaths by Age Group

Age Range	2022
18-45 years	<1%
46-55 years	2.9%
56-64 years	9.4%
65-70 years	13.5%
71-75 years	16.1%
76-80 years	13.4%
81-85 years	14.9%
86-90 years	13.3%
91+ years	15.5%

3.4 Underlying Medical Condition of those who Received MAiD

Underlying Medical Condition of those who Received MAiD*	2022
Cancer - lung and bronchus	12.1%
Cancer - breast	4.2%
Cancer - colorectal	7.0%
Cancer - pancreas	5.4%
Cancer - prostate	4.4%
Cancer - ovary	1.7%
Cancer - hematologic	4.9%
Cancer - other	21.6%
Neurological condition - multiple sclerosis	<1%
Neurological condition - amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	2.1%
Neurological condition - other	8.6%
Chronic respiratory disease	8.6%
Cardio-vascular condition	15.1%
Other organ failure	5.4%
Multiple co-morbidities	19.2%
Other illness, disease, or disability	15.4%

*See Explanatory note on the top of page 4

Medical Condition Explanatory Note: The data in table 3.4 indicates the proportion of individuals each year who received MAiD who had each underlying illness, disease, or disability, as indicated on the Prescribing Practitioner's Assessment records during that period. As some individuals have multiple underlying medical conditions, the percentages for each year 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 Multiple Co-Morbidities option and not as an individual condition.

3.5 Source of Written MAiD Request

Requests Received by MAiD Prescribers in B.C	2022
MAiD Requestor Directly	13.4%
Another Practitioner	13.8%
MAiD Care Coordination Service	70.4%
Patient Directly - Other	1.2%
Another Third Party	1.3%

3.6 Location of MAiD Provision

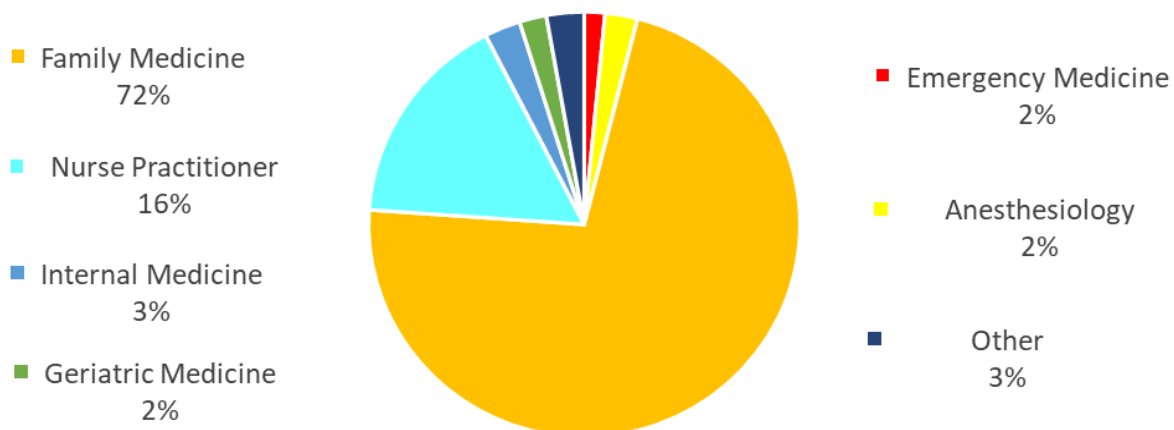
Location of MAiD Provision	2022
Private Residence	43.3%
Hospital (<i>excluding Palliative Care Beds</i>)	25.8%
Hospice	10.7%
Palliative Care Facility (<i>including hospital based palliative care beds/units</i>)	8.9%
Community Care Facility	4.5%
Residential Care Facility (<i>including long term and assisted living residence</i>)	3.9%
Medical Clinic or Ambulatory Setting	1.2%
Other Location	1.9%

4. Profile of MAiD Prescribers in B.C. (2022)

4.1 MAiD Provisions by Prescriber Type

BC MAiD Prescriber Type	2022	
	Count	%
Medical Practitioner (Physician)	2,104	83.7%
Nurse Practitioner	411	16.3%
B.C Total MAiD Deaths	2,515	

4.2 Specialty of MAiD Prescribers in 2022



Explanatory Notes:

1. The above chart represents the 2,515 MAiD Deaths reported to the Ministry of Health that took place between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.
2. Specialty of MAiD Prescriber:
 - Internal Medicine includes: Internal Medicine, Internal and Critical Care Medicine, and Respiratory Medicine.
 - Anesthesiology includes: Anesthesiology and Anesthesiology and Critical Care
 - Other includes: Palliative medicine, Palliative and Family medicine, Psychiatry, Oncology and Family Medicine, and Hospitalists.