

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

Statistical Report

2022 Quarter One

January 1 – March 31, 2021



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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 596 individuals who were provided MAiD between **January 1, 2022, and March 31, 2022.**

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

Health Authority	2022 MAiD Deaths (January 1 – March 31, 2022)	%
Fraser Health	122	20.5%
Interior Health	131	22.0%
Northern Health	27	4.5%
Vancouver Coastal Health	127	21.3%
Vancouver Island Health	189	31.7%
B.C.	596	100.0%

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

The following tables represent **596 MAiD Deaths** from **January 1 to March 31, 2022**.

3.1 Sex and Average Age of Persons Receiving MAiD

Sex	2022 (Jan 1 -Mar 31)	%
Male	294	49.3%
Female	302	50.7%
B.C. MAiD Deaths	596	

Average Age by Sex (Jan 1 - Mar 1)
77 years
79 Years

3.2 Age Range of Persons Receiving MAiD

Age Range	2022 (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
*18-55 years	3.5%
56-64 years	10.6%
65-70 years	15.3%
71-75 years	10.9%
76-80 years	14.4%
81-85 years	14.8%
86-90 years	15.1%
91+ years	15.4%

*18-45 years age data has been suppressed due to low numbers. The 18-45 years and 46-55 years age ranges have been combined.

3.3 Underlying Medical Condition of those who Received MAiD

Underlying Medical Condition of those who Received MAiD	2022 (Jan 1 – Mar 31)
Cancer - lung and bronchus	12%
Cancer – breast	5%
Cancer – colorectal	6%
Cancer – pancreas	7%
Cancer – prostate	5%
Cancer – ovary*	<5%
Cancer – hematologic	5%
Cancer – other	19%
Neurological condition – includes multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis*	<5%
Neurological condition – other	9%
Chronic respiratory disease	9%
Cardio-vascular condition	16%
Other organ failure	6%
Multiple co-morbidities	17%
Other illness, disease, or disability	15%

*Data suppressed due to low numbers

Explanatory Note: The data above indicates the proportion of the 596 individuals who received MAiD that 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 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.

3.4 Source of Written MAiD Request

Requests Received by MAiD Prescribers in B.C	2022 (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
MAiD Requestor Directly	18%
Another Practitioner	11%
MAiD Care Coordination Service	68%
Another Third Party/Other	3%

3.5 Location of MAiD Provision

Location of MAiD Provision	2022 (Jan 1 - Mar 31)
Assisted Living Residence	3%
Community Care and Residential Care Facility (including long term care)	5%
Hospice	9%
Hospital (<i>excluding Palliative Care Beds</i>)	29%
Medical Office or Clinic, Ambulatory, or Other	3%
Palliative Care Facility (<i>including hospital based palliative care beds/units</i>)	8%
Private Residence	43%

4. MAiD Provisions by Prescriber Type

MAiD Prescriber Type	2022 (Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2022)	
	Count	%
Medical Practitioner	511	85.7%
Nurse Practitioner	85	14.3%
B.C. Total MAiD Deaths	596	