

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

Statistical Report

2023 Quarter Three

July 1 – September 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 **672** individuals who were provided MAiD between **July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023**.

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

Health Authority	2023 MAiD Deaths (July 1 - September 30, 2023)	%
Fraser Health	129	19.2%
Interior Health	166	24.7%
Northern Health	39	5.8%
Vancouver Coastal Health	133	19.8%
Vancouver Island Health	205	30.5%
B.C.	672	100.0%

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

The following tables represent **672 MAiD Deaths** from **July 1 to September 30, 2023**.

3.1 Sex and Average Age of Persons Receiving MAiD

Sex	2023 (Jul 1 - Sep 30)	%
Male	328	48.8%
Female	344	51.2%
B.C. MAiD Deaths	672	100.0%

Average Age by Sex (Jul 1 - Sep 30)
77
80

3.2 Age Range of Persons Receiving MAiD

Age Range	2023 (Jul 1 - Sep 30)
18-55 years*	4.5%
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 672 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 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
Cancer	56.5%
Neurological Condition	15.6%
Respiratory Disease	14.7%
Cardio-vascular condition	20.8%
Organ Failure	8.6%
Other Condition / Co-morbidity	33.5%

3.3(a) MAiD by Cancer Type

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each type of cancer among the 380 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 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
Breast & Ovarian*	11.8%
Colorectal	10.0%
Hematologic	6.3%
Lung	20.5%
Pancreas	7.4%
Prostate	7.6%
Other Cancer	39.5%

****Breast and Ovarian cancer have been combined due to low numbers***

3.3(b) MAiD by Neurological Condition

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each neurological condition among the 105 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 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/Multiple Sclerosis*	20.0%
Dementia	23.8%
Parkinson’s Disease	20.0%
Other Neurological Condition	41.0%

****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 99 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 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	71.7%
Pulmonary Fibrosis	21.2%
Other Respiratory Disease	17.2%

3.3(d) MAiD by Cardiovascular Condition

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each cardiovascular condition among the 140 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 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
Atrial Fibrillation	39.3%
Congestive Heart Failure	55.0%
Vasculopathy	14.3%
Other Cardiovascular Condition	32.1%

3.3(e) MAiD by Organ Failure

Explanatory Note: The data table below indicates the prevalence of each type of organ failure among the 58 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 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
Kidney	79.3%
Other Organ Failure*	22.4%

**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 225 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 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
Frailty	61.3%
Chronic Pain	31.6%
Diabetes	12.0%
Other Comorbidities	51.1%

3.4 Source of Written MAiD Request

Requests Received by MAiD Prescribers in B.C	2023 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
MAiD Requestor Directly	12.8%
MAiD Care Coordination Service	70.1%
Another Practitioner/Third Party/Other*	17.1%

**Another Practitioner/Another Third Party/Other* have been combined due to low numbers*

3.5 Location of MAiD Provision

Location of MAiD Provision	2023 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)
Assisted Living Residence	3.6%
Community Care and Residential Care Facility (including long term care)	6.1%
Hospice	11.9%
Hospital (<i>excluding Palliative Care Beds</i>)	26.0%
Medical Office or Clinic, Ambulatory, or Other	3.7%
Palliative Care Facility (<i>including hospital based palliative care beds/units</i>)	8.3%
Private Residence	40.3%

4. MAiD Provisions by Prescriber Type

MAiD Prescriber Type	2023 (Jul 1 – Sep 30)	
	Count	%
Medical Practitioner	557	82.9%
Nurse Practitioner	115	17.1%
B.C. Total MAiD Deaths	672	