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Prince George Hospice & Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)



What is MAiD and why is it going to be offered at Prince George Rotary Hospice House?

Since 2016, it has been legal in Canada (Bill C-14) for an eligible person suffering intolerably from a grievous and irremediable medical condition to access Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). MAiD permits a doctor or nurse practitioner to assist an eligible patient in voluntarily ending their life.

MAiD is provided in all provinces to any individual who requests and meets the stringent criteria, including a [grievous and irremediable medical condition](#)¹.

Why did the Prince George Hospice Society agree to allow MAiD to be accommodated on-site?

During the 2020 Prince George Hospice Society (PGHS) service contract renewal with the Northern Health Authority, the Society agreed to allow MAiD for guests of Rotary Hospice House to comply with the Ministry of Health's 2018 Policy for those Hospice facilities which receive funding from the BC government.

The renewed contract with Northern Health will sustain funding for Rotary Hospice House at 70 per cent of operating funding, ensuring that the legacy of the Prince George Hospice Society can confidently continue to deliver exceptional care for our community and expand to support the northern BC region.

Who made the decision?

The board of directors for the PGHS supported the availability of MAiD at our hospice, however, it was mandated by the province in a 2018 policy for all hospices which receive provincial funding to comply.

When will MAiD be accommodated on-site?

Beginning October 1, 2020, MAiD will be accommodated at Rotary Hospice House by physicians and nurse practitioners, supported by Northern Health employees.

Will this increase costs for the Hospice?

No, MAiD is coordinated by Northern Health and any changes to accommodate the procedure will be negligible.

Who administers the MAiD procedure?

MAiD will be provided by physicians and nurse practitioners, supported by Northern Health (NH) employees; all aspects of MAiD coordination and provision are under the sole oversight of the NH MAiD Care Coordinator.

Is there a place to direct inquiries regarding general information about MAiD?

¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/medical-assistance-dying.html#grievous>

All information regarding the procedure of MAiD can be found through the Northern Health Authority. Each health authority in BC has care coordination teams in place to help patients and healthcare providers access MAiD, including all faith-based organizations, hospitals, long-term care homes, and hospices.

For more information regarding MAiD in northern BC, please visit the Northern Health's Authority's *Health Topics* [web page](#).

If you have specific questions regarding MAiD, please contact Northern Health's Care Coordinator:

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W: [www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/medical-assistance-dying-
maid?keys=medical%20assistance%20in%20dying](http://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/medical-assistance-dying-
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Further questions about MAiD may be answered by Northern Health.

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