

## Considerations for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Provisions in Long Term Care and Assisted Living

### When a specific date and time is identified for a provision of MAiD:

- Ensure staff are up to date with education of the provision of MAiD, resources and tools, site specific process for provision of MAiD, and a designated contact to ask questions.
- Following the resident's wishes ensure there are continued opportunities to discuss the MAiD process - inquiry, request, assessments, reflection period and provision (Most Responsible Provider, Social Worker, Leadership, Fraser Health MAiD Care Coordination Centre).
- Confirm that final arrangements are in place. Be clear on who is going to call the funeral home and when (e.g. funeral home arriving at a pre-arranged time or family/staff calling after death has occurred).
- Ensure there are provisions for family, caregivers and friends to say their goodbyes and visit. Adhere to Fraser Health Confidentiality Information Policy and utilize *When a Loved One is Unaware or in Disagreement with a Medical Assistance in Dying Request Guideline*.
- Review MAiD nursing support, availability and resources with Fraser Health MAiD Care Coordination Centre (MCCC). In Consultation with MCCC a MAiD support nurse will be arranged to be present for the day of provision to support the resident, provide support to the family or caregiver, initiate intravenous access using pre-identified MAiD supply kit, and support MAiD Physician/ Nurse Practitioner (NP) prescriber throughout provision.
- Adhering to the resident's wishes on who is aware that a provision of MAiD is going to occur identify which staff in the care community are working during the provision, their willingness to be present and their willingness to provide support to the resident and family.
  - Staff who are comfortable to provide support - determine what level of support they would like to provide (with resident and family consent).
  - Staff not comfortable with the process - consider transferring them to another neighbourhood if possible.
- Identify who will be facilitating the Supportive Review Debrief session for staff after the provision (SW, Director of Care, Manager, or another staff person comfortable with this role). Collaborate with MCCC, as needed. Consider creating a safe space for residents and staff to talk about death.
- Have a specific space set aside for staff to go to throughout the day if they have questions, comments or want space and time to reflect. Consider having refreshments in the room.
- When the MAiD Physician/NP prescriber arrives at the identified time, have specific space available for them to store their belongings. Some MAiD prescribers will need space to organize and draw up the medication, whereas others will have the medications pre-filled when they arrive. The MAiD prescriber will bring the medication kits with them (x2), and they will be responsible for them during their entire time on the neighbourhood.



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- Identify if there are other residents who may need attention and support during the provision. Providing additional support to identified residents will enable family to focus on their loved one and not be distracted by the needs or personal views of other residents.
- Ensure Clinical Leadership is aware of who is expected to arrive (Social Worker, Spiritual Care, family member or caregivers), and at what time throughout the day.