



## Block 1: Introduction

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### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING — GENERAL CONSULTATION

The [College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario \(CPSO\)](#) is currently seeking feedback on its draft [Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAID\)](#) policy, which sets out professional obligations for physicians regarding MAID. These professional expectations include complying with the legal requirements for MAID, an overview of which has been provided in a separate companion resource called [MAID: Legal Requirements](#).

The draft *MAID* policy also has another companion resource called [Advice to the Profession: MAID](#). The purpose of this *Advice* document is to provide additional information and guidance regarding:

1. interpreting/applying physicians' obligations;
2. tools/resources for physicians; and
3. information/resources for patients/caregivers.

We are inviting feedback at this stage to help inform future revisions to the draft policy and companion resources.

The following survey will ask you a few questions about issues related to MAID. It will take approximately **20 minutes** to complete. You will be able to pause during the survey and restart at a later time if you wish.

If you would like to review the survey in advance, you can download a copy [here](#).

All survey responses will be reviewed and a summary of the results will be

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posted online following the close of the consultation. The identity of all individual respondents will be kept strictly confidential.

Your feedback will be anonymous.

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**Are you a:**

- Physician (including retired)
  - Medical student
  - Member of the public
  - Other health care professional (including retired)
  - Organization
  - Prefer not to say
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**What kind of physician are you?**

- Family Physician
  - Specialist
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**If applicable, please specify your area of focus in your family practice or your area of speciality:**

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**Which of these describes the general area(s) where you practice?**

**Please select all that apply:**

- Urban
- Suburban

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- Rural
  - Remote
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**Please tell us which organization you are responding on behalf of:**

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**Do you live in:**

- Ontario
  - Rest of Canada
  - Outside of Canada
  - Prefer not to say
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## **Block 2: Demographics**

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As part of CPSO's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI), we are collecting demographic information about those engaging with our policy development process.

This is aligned with Ontario's [Data Standards for the Identification and Monitoring of Systemic Racism](#) which aim to establish consistent, effective practices for data collection to support evidence-based decision-making to help eliminate systemic racism and promote racial equity.

The demographic questions that follow are voluntary, anonymous, and will be kept strictly confidential. We encourage you to answer these demographic questions, however this is optional.

**Would you like to complete these demographic questions?**

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Yes

No

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Gender refers to the gender that a person internally feels. A person's current gender may or may not differ from the sex a person was assigned at birth and may differ from what is indicated on their current legal documents. A person's gender may change over time.

**What is your gender? Please select all that apply:**

Man

Woman

Non-binary:

Transgender

I prefer not to answer

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Indigenous Peoples are those who identify as members of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis communities in Canada.

**Based on this description, do you self-identify as an Indigenous person? Please select all that apply:**

Yes, First Nations

Yes, Métis

Yes, Inuit

No

I prefer not to say

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Ethnic origin refers to a person's ethnic or cultural origins. Ethnic groups have a common identity, heritage, ancestry, or historical past, often with identifiable cultural, linguistic, and/or religious characteristics.

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Examples include: Canadian, Chinese, East Indian, English, Italian, Filipino, Scottish, Irish, Anishinaabe, Ojibway, Mi'kmaq, Cree, Haudenosaunee, Métis, Inuit, Portuguese, German, Polish, Dutch, French, Jamaican, Pakistani, Iranian, Sri Lankan, Korean, Ukrainian, Lebanese, Guyanese, Somali, Colombian, Jewish, etc.

**What is your ethnic or cultural origin(s)?**

- Open-ended response:
  - I prefer not to say
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In our society, people are often described by their race or racial background. For example, some people are considered “White,” “Black,” or “East/Southeast Asian,” etc. These categories reflect how people generally understand and use race as a social descriptor in Ontario.

**Which of the following represents your race(s)? Please select all that apply:**

- Black (African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)
  - East or Southeast Asian (Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese, Thai, Vietnamese, etc.)
  - Latino (Latin-American or Hispanic descent)
  - Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, or West Asian descent, e.g., Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Kurdish, Lebanese, Turkish, etc.)
  - South Asian (Bangladeshi, East Indian, Indo-Caribbean, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
  - White (European descent)
  - Not listed:
  - I prefer not to say
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LGBTQ2S+ is an abbreviation which represents a broad array of identities including, but not limited to, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and two-spirit.

**Do you consider yourself to be LGBTQ2S+?**

- Yes

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- No
  - I prefer not to answer
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The term disability covers a broad range and degree of conditions, some of which are visible and some invisible. A disability may have been present at birth, caused by an accident or developed over time. Disabilities may also be permanent, temporary or episodic.

**Do you identify as person with a disability?**

- Yes
  - No
  - I prefer not to answer
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### **Block 3: Physicians**

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**Have you ever received an inquiry about MAID or a request for MAID?**

- Yes
  - No
  - I prefer not to say
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***Optional: Please feel free to elaborate:***

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**Do you assess patients for and/or provide MAID?**

**Please select all that apply:**

- Yes, as an assessor
- Yes, as a provider
- I prefer not to say

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***Optional:*** Please feel free to elaborate (e.g., number/frequency of assessments/provisions, etc.):

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## Block 4: All Respondents

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The following questions will ask you about the structural changes that were made in the draft [MAID](#) policy, specifically that we:

- moved the legal requirements over to a separate companion resource ([MAID: Legal Requirements](#)); and
- removed the expectations for physicians who do not assess or provide MAID for reasons of conscience or religion from the draft [MAID](#) policy and direct physicians to the draft [Human Rights in the Provision of Health Services](#) policy for these expectations.

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The draft [MAID](#) policy states that “physicians who assess patients for and/or provide MAID must comply with the relevant legal requirements for MAID, including those pertaining to the eligibility criteria, safeguards, and reporting (an overview of which is provided in CPSO’s [MAID: Legal Requirements](#) companion resource).”

If you haven’t yet reviewed CPSO’s draft [MAID: Legal Requirements](#) companion resource, you can review the draft [here](#).

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Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
It is clear that physicians are still required to comply with the relevant legal requirements for MAID even though they are not set out in the actual draft MAID policy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is clear that the legal requirements for MAID can be found in a separate companion resource called <a href="#">MAID: Legal Requirements</a> .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I find it useful/helpful to have the legislative requirements for MAID set out in a separate companion resource, rather than in the draft policy itself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*Optional:* Please feel free to elaborate (e.g., why or why not?):

Physicians may choose not to assess patients for or provide MAID for reasons of conscience or religion. The draft *MAID* policy directs these physicians to CPSO’s draft [Human Rights in the Provision of Health Services](#) policy for expectations that apply in such these circumstances.

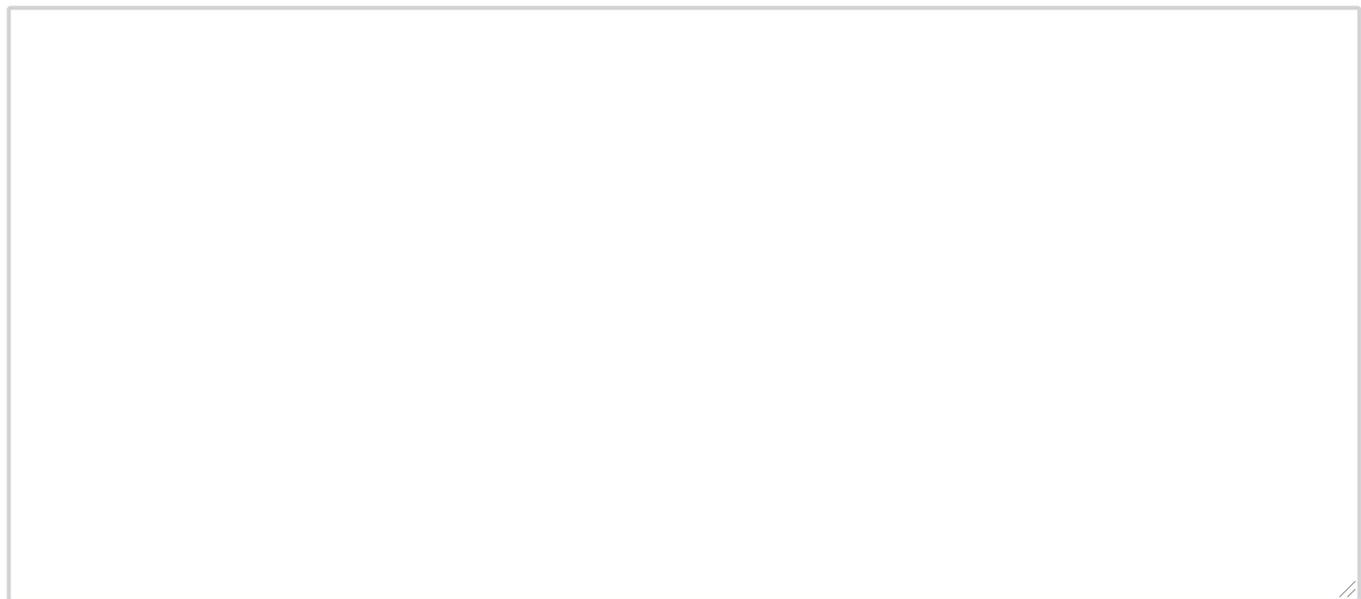
If you haven’t reviewed CPSO’s draft *Human Rights in the Provision of Health Services* policy, you can review the draft [here](#).

**Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statements below:**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
It is clear that the professional expectations for physicians who choose not to assess patients for or provide MAID for reasons of conscience or religion can be found in CPSO’s draft <i>Human Rights in the Provision of Health Services</i> policy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is easy to find the professional expectations for physicians who choose not to assess patients for or provide MAID for reasons of conscience or religion in CPSO’s draft <i>Human Rights in the Provision of Health Services</i> policy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**Optional:** Please feel free to elaborate (e.g., why you agree or disagree):



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The following question will ask you about a new expectation that was added to the draft *MAID* policy.

The draft MAID policy contains a new expectation for physicians with respect to notifying the dispensing pharmacist that medications for MAID will be required. More specifically, the draft policy states the following:

“To allow a pharmacist sufficient time to obtain and/or prepare the medications required, physicians **must** notify the dispensing pharmacist as early as possible that medications for MAID will be required.”

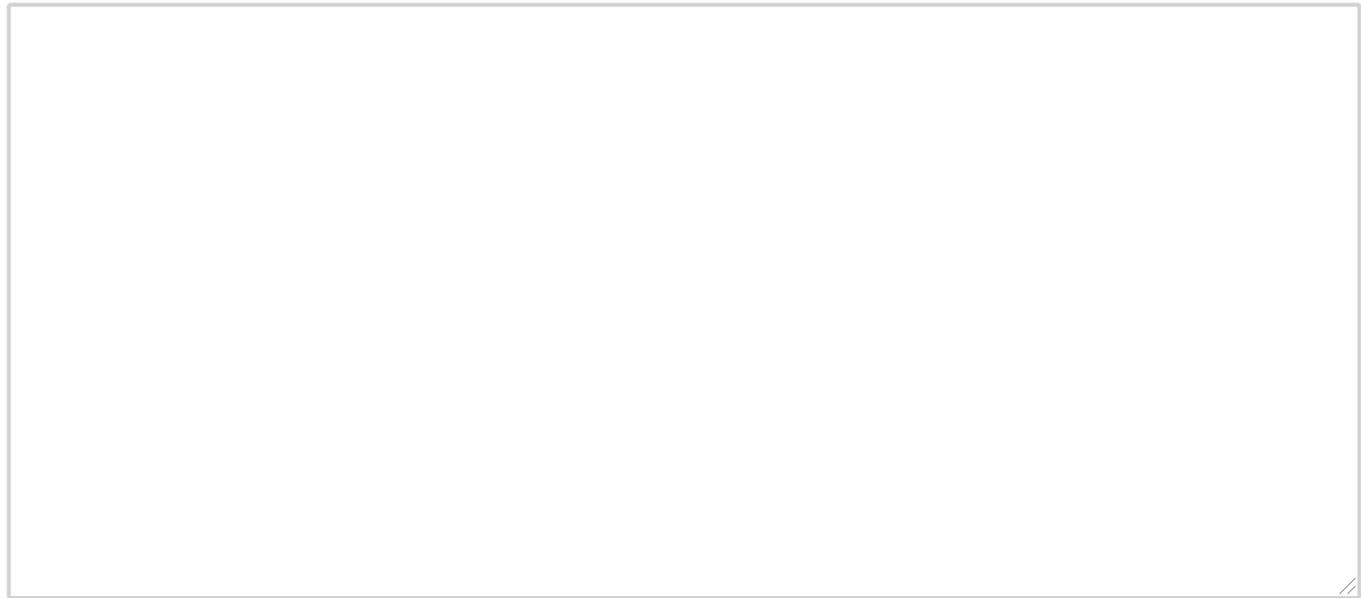
**Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree that this expectation is reasonable:**

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

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***Optional:*** Please feel free to elaborate:

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## Block 4: Draft Policy

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The following questions will ask you about the draft [MAID](#) policy.

In order to answer the next few questions, it is necessary for you to have read the draft policy. If you have not read the draft policy, you will be skipped to the end of the survey; however, the answers you have provided to all previous questions will still be submitted.

If you would like, you may take a moment to read the draft policy by clicking [here](#).

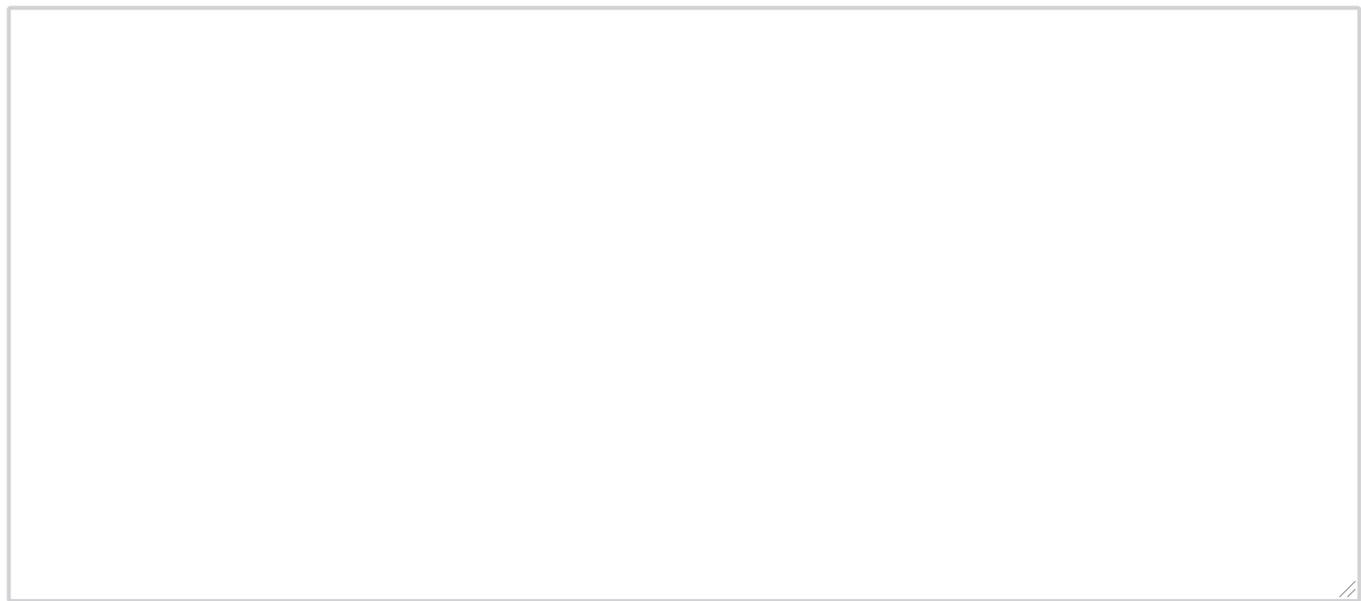
**Have you read the draft *MAID* policy?**

- Yes
- No

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***Optional:*** Do you have any comments or suggestions on the clarity, comprehensiveness, and/or reasonableness of the draft policy? For example, how can we improve the draft policy's clarity? How can we make the draft policy more comprehensive? What expectations, if any, did you find unreasonable?

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## Block 5: Draft Advice

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The draft [MAID](#) policy has a companion resource called [Advice to the Profession: MAID](#). The purpose of this companion resource is to provide additional information and guidance regarding:

- interpreting/applying physicians' obligations (legal and professional);
- tools/resources for physicians; and
- information/resources for patients/caregivers.

In order for you to answer the next few questions, it is important that you have read the draft *Advice to the Profession* document. If you have not read the draft document, you will be skipped to the next section; however, the answers you have provided to all previous questions will still be submitted.

If you would like, you may take a moment to read the draft *Advice* document by clicking [here](#).

**Have you read the draft *Advice to the Profession* document?**

- Yes
- No

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***Optional:*** Is there any additional guidance that would be helpful to include in the *Advice to the Profession* document?

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***Optional:*** Is there any information in the draft *Advice to the Profession* document that you think is unhelpful or unnecessary?

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**Block 6: End**

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**Optional:** If you have any additional comments that you have not yet provided, please provide them below, by [email](#), or through our [online discussion forum](#):

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