

Introduction

This *Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Standard of Practice* outlines the responsibilities of registrants when working with clients who request information about MAiD or will be using MAiD. Registrants must provide a judgment-free space for clients who choose to explore or participate in the option of MAiD. Registrants are responsible for meeting the expectations outlined in this Standard and the accompanying guidelines. These documents are enhanced by a companion *Frequently Asked Questions* document.

Standard

College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba (CASLPM) registrants provide ethical and respectful support to clients considering or receiving MAiD.

Demonstrating the Standard

Registrants will:

- Respect the client's right to explore MAiD without judgment and refrain from influencing decisions regarding MAiD.
- Refer the client to appropriate professionals without delay or obstruction when declining involvement in MAiD-related support due to personal beliefs.
- Ensure the client receives high quality, coordinated, and uninterrupted continuity of care and, if needed, safe transfer of the client's care to another health professional.
- Ensure the client understands MAiD-related discussions and/or make referrals to professionals who can assist with understanding.
- Assess the cultural and spiritual needs and wishes of the person seeking MAiD and explore ways the client's needs could be met within the context of care delivery.
- Assist in ensuring clients can express informed consent clearly and reliably.
- Document communication support provided to clients during MAiD discussions.

When providing support on a MAiD team:

- Provide collaborative care with other professionals on the team.
- Maintain accurate records of MAiD-related interactions.
- Engage in ongoing education regarding applicable MAiD legislation, ethics, and communication strategies
- Reflect MAiD-related learning in Continuing Competency submissions.

Guidance for health professionals and FAQ on MAiD can be found under [Shared Health Services](#).