



Information for patients who are not eligible for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

The legal criteria or “eligibility” requirements for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) are defined by federal law. Not all patients who get assessed for MAiD meet these criteria. We understand that you might be disappointed or frustrated with the result of your assessment. If you are found ineligible to receive MAiD, your care team will discuss alternate treatment options with you and your family.

Reasons why you might be found ineligible to receive MAiD

- You are not capable of making health care decisions
- Your request for MAiD has been found to be influenced by the pressure of others
- You are not suffering from an incurable illness, disease or disability
- Your health is not in an advanced state of irreversible decline
- Natural death from your medical condition is not reasonably foreseeable

If your circumstances change, you may re-apply for MAiD.

At any time if you would like to talk to a counselor or be referred to a person who can provide emotional, spiritual, and/or psychological support to you or your family, please speak with your doctor or another member of your health care team.

Resources:

Health Canada: **Eligibility criteria** (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/medical-assistance-dying.html#a2>)

Ottawa Distress Line: 613-238-3311

Ontario’s Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600