Alberta Chapter News

Welcome to Our First Alberta Wide Newsletter!

The Edmonton and Calgary Chapters are joining forces to provide a quarterly newsletter to supporters to make sure you are informed on Alberta specific information regarding Medical Assistance In Dying in our province.

Albertans face challenges due to our unique public healthcare system.
An Institutional Religious Obstruction is when an institution denies, blocks or impedes a person's legal right to health care, including MAID, on religious grounds

Advance Requests

Advance Requests allow for patients suffering from capacity eroding diseases to request MAID in advance, while they can still give consent.

On October 7th, the Federal Government announced a bill coming this fall that will open the door for advance requests but only for Provinces and Territories that pass legislation to allow them in their jurisdiction.

Alberta has pre-emptively banned Advance Requests through Bill 18.

Bill 18: Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act was tabled in March of this year, passed in April and recieved Royal Assent at the end of May. It will go into effect after it is proclaimed.

Among other things, Bill 18:

- Limits Track One to a 12 month window
- Introduces new limitations on MAID Eligibility, and **Prohibits Advance Requests**

Why it matters

- It violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- It limits access for eligible Albertans
- It goes against what Albertans support

More information and ways to get involved can be found at: bit.ly/bill-18

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Together We Make It Happen

Educating communities on End-of-Life choice is at the core of our mission to provide participants with the facts and peace of mind to be able to make their own choices.

The Calgary and Edmonton Chapters have been busy providing presentations to local community centres, fairs, retirement homes, and other interested groups.

Our presentations include Advance Care Planning, Medical Assistance in Dying 101, and we are currently working on a joint online presentation dealing specifically with Bill 18 and the changes it has brought to our province.

Interested in booking a presentation for your group?
Please email your nearest chapter

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Meet your Chapters!

All Dying With Dignity Chapters are run by grassroot volunteers

Calgary was the first Chapter formed at Dying With Dignity Canada (DWDC) by co-founders Trish Remmers and Sigrid Wili. The first meeting was held on May 22, 2012. The Calgary Chapter encompasses all of Alberta south of Lacombe.

Email us at calgary@dyingwithdignity.ca

The Edmonton Chapter is a vibrant group of active and involved supporters who come from Edmonton and surrounding communities. We serve the Greater Edmonton Area in Alberta.

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