

# HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE SUPPORT SERVICES

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## Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

### Information for Physicians or Nurse Practitioners arranging patient requested MAiD

Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain has been notified of your patient's request to access Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

The following information outlines Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain MAiD services, requirements and timelines, in order to be able to assist in this patient request.

### What is Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain's role in medical assistance in dying?

Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain is committed to coordinating and providing high quality care to patients at end-of-life. In addition to supporting high quality palliative care services, Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain recognizes medical assistance in dying as an option for patients who meet legally defined eligibility criteria and wish to die in their homes. The extent to which Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain supports clients in their home is limited to providing clinical support to the physician who is administering the medication and providing therapeutic emotional support. While oral, self-administration is available to clients, it requires a different, more intensive level of support which we are unable to support at this time.

Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain's role in MAiD will range from:

- Provision of information and directing patients back to their primary care provider/nurse practitioner
- Coordinating the Medical Assistance in Dying procedure for patients who meet the legally defined eligibility criteria and who wish to have the procedure done in their home

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What information does Home and Community Care Support Services require in order to support a patient accessing medical assistance in dying at home?

*Three days before the procedure please provide:*

1. **Home and Community Care Support Services Referral**, signed and dated with the following information:

- Date, time and location where MAiD procedure is to be performed
- If nursing services are required; what is the role of the nurse (i.e. start an IV pre procedure, be present during procedure to support family/caregiver and physician/nurse practitioner)
- Name and direct phone number (i.e. cell phone) for physician administering MAiD medications. (This information is requested in order to facilitate coordination of services and follow up post MAiD procedure)

2. **Completed and signed** copies of the following documents – Please send as soon as AVAILABLE (even if all are not available):

- Clinician Aid A-Patient Request for Medical Assistance in Dying
- Clinician Aid B-(Primary) Medical Practitioner or Nurse Practitioner Medical Assistance in Dying aid
- Clinician Aid C-(Secondary) Medical Practitioner or Nurse Practitioner Medical Assistance in Dying Aid
- Any notes related to the clinicians assessment of clients eligibility for MAiD
- You can find copies of these forms and information for patients here: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/maid/>

3. Name and contact information for the pharmacy providing medications for the procedure

4. Any requests for additional supplies or equipment related to the procedure (not included in the standard MAiD supply kit)

What types of supplies and equipment does Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain provide for the procedure?

A MAiD supply kit is available and includes the following:

Description	Quantity
Cannula Interlink Syringe	5
Extension Set IV Catheter 15cm	3
Tegaderm Transparent Film 6x7cm	4
Gauze Sponge 8Ply 5x5cm Sterile Pack2	10
Glove Vinyl Powdered Medium Non Sterile	4
IV Catheter Protectiv Plus IV 20Gx1.25in	2
IV Catheter Protectiv Plus IV 22Gx1in	2
IV Catheter Protectiv Plus IV 18Gx1.25in	2
Swabstick Chlorhexidine 2% with Alcohol 70%	6
Tape Transpore 2.5cm	1
Sodium Chloride 0.9% prefilled syringes 10 ml	5
Tourniquet Latex Free 2cm x 46cm	1
Underpad Disposable 44cm x 61cm	1
Sharps Container 1.1L	1

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Delivery of the MAiD supply kit to the patient's home is arranged by Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain.

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**The physician who is ordering/administering the medication(s) for the MAiD procedure is responsible for ordering, arranging delivery and disposing of medication(s) post procedure.**

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**Will Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain provide nursing services for the procedure?** Yes, Home and Community Care Support Services can provide nursing services for the MAiD procedure to:

- initiate an intravenous (medical order is required)
- be present during procedure to support patient/family/caregiver/physician/NP

Contacting the Coroner's office post the MAiD procedure is not the responsibility of the nurse.

If nursing services **are not required**, Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain does not provide the MAiD supply kit in the home. If the patient is receiving Home and Community Care Support Services services, please notify us of MAiD procedure details, even if nursing services are not required for the procedure.

**Does the Medical or Nurse practitioner need to contact the Home and Community Care Support Services after the procedure is completed?**

As per our usual policy, we request Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain be notified if a patient dies while receiving Home and Community Care Support Services services.