

To be, or not to be

PAD is the question?

Objectives

- Understand the specifics of the Supreme Court ruling
- Review the legislation
- Review the College of Physicians and Surgeons guidance to us docs (and your Colleges?) CHCO?
- Consider how you may approach requests
- Discuss research opportunities

Your questions??

To grunt and sweat under a weary life,
But that the dread of something after death,
The undiscovered Country, from whose bourn
No Traveller returns, Puzzles the will,
And makes us rather bear those ills we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of.



A brief history of the Supreme Court



The distinct society to the east of here...


- "is an insured person within the meaning of the Health Insurance Act
- is of full age and capable of giving consent to care
- is at the end of life;
- suffers from an incurable serious illness;
- suffers from an advanced state of irreversible decline in capability;
- suffers from constant and unbearable physical or psychological pain which cannot be relieved in a manner the person deems tolerable."

The devil is in the details

- What did the Joint Committee recommend?



"In my day, people died."



What were the unanswered questions before last week?

- Who should do it?
- Dementia and consent
- Psychiatric illness
- Minors?
- Would there be a "Cooling off" period

How does the CMA fit into all this?

- <https://www.cma.ca/En/Pages/end-of-life.aspx>
 - Principle-based guidelines

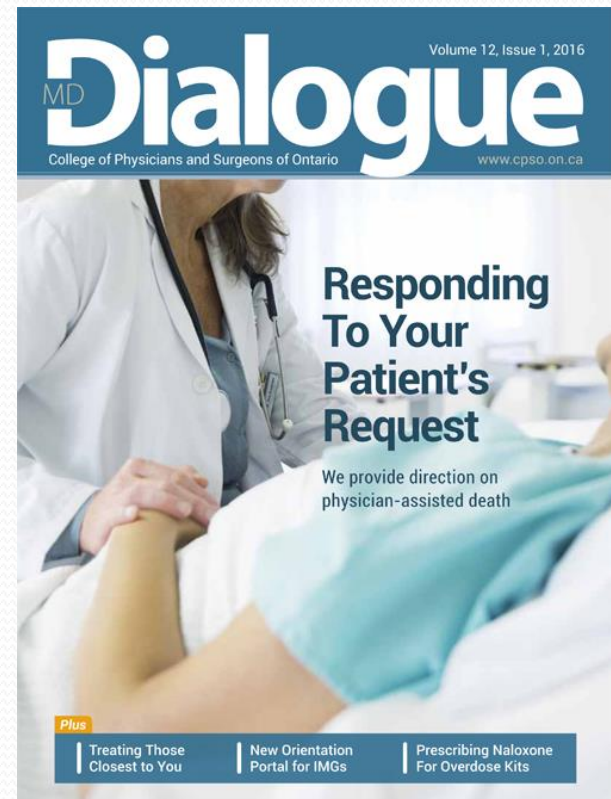


What remains unanswered?

- conscientious objection
 - organizations
 - professionals
 - referral process
 - foreseeable ???
 - Euthanasia vs PAS
 - death certification
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- timing of next Supreme Court challenge!

What do the Colleges say?

- <http://policyconsult.cpsso.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/CPSO-Interim-Guidance-on-Physician-Assisted-Death.pdf>



What will happen in Kingston on June 6th?

The main players?

- CPSO/ Ontario government
- Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario
- KGH/ HHD etc.



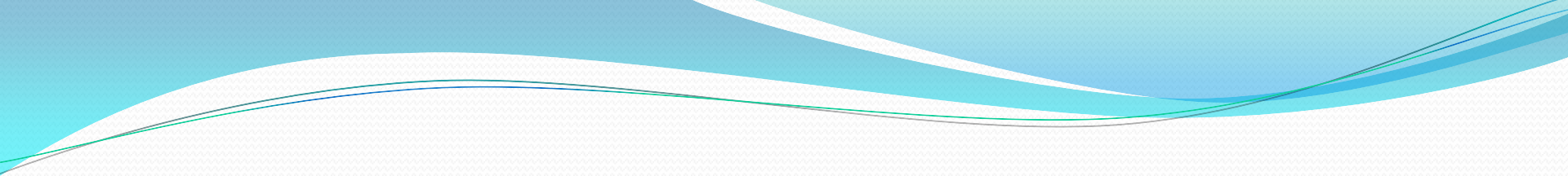
"Make it look like a doctor-assisted suicide."

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What needs studying?

- Wait times
- Location
- Survivor perspectives
- Utilization
- Adverse events
- Provider experience





Oh, that this too, too sullied flesh would melt,
Thaw, and resolve itself into a dew,
Or that the Everlasting had not fixed
His canon 'against self-slaughter! O God, God!
How weary, stale, flat, and unprofitable
Seem to me all the uses of this world!
Fie on 't, ah fie! 'Tis an unweeded garden
That grows to seed. Things rank and gross in
nature
Possess it merely.