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CAMAP Survey results August 2017

135 Assessors and Providers were surveyed from within our larger membership list. Those who did not go on to self-describe as either an active assessor or an active provider (or both) were excluded.

We do not claim or suggest that the remaining respondents are in any way a complete roster of MAiD assessors and providers in Canada but do believe they reflect the most active assessors and providers across the country (with the exception of those in Quebec who are not well represented herein).

79 responses were recorded:

18 respondents described themselves as an active assessor for MAiD
2 respondents described themselves as active providers of MAiD and
59 respondents described themselves as both an assessor and provider of MAiD

Questions and results:

1. Given that you currently assess and/or provide for MAiD, if federal law were to change to allow mature minors to request and receive MAiD under certain circumstances, would you be willing to assess mature minors for MAiD? (yes/no)

14 answered No (18%)
65 answered Yes (82%)

2. Given that you currently assess and/or provide for MAiD, if federal law were to change to allow mature minors to request and receive MAiD under certain circumstances, would you be willing to provide MAiD for mature minors? (yes/no)

22 answered No (29%)
55 answered Yes (70%)
2 did not answer

3. Given that you currently assess and/or provide for MAiD, if federal law were to change to allow advanced requests for MAiD such that a person who has lost capacity to make their own health care decisions can make an application for



MAID, would you be willing to assess patients who no longer have capacity to make their own health care decisions but are now presenting for MAID? (yes/no)

14 answered No (18%)
65 answered Yes (82%)

4. Given that you currently assess and/or provide for MAID, if federal law were to change to allow advanced requests for MAID such that a person who has lost capacity to make their own health care decisions can make an application for MAID, would you be willing to provide MAID for patients who no longer have capacity to make their own health care decisions but are now presenting for MAID? (and presumably have been deemed eligible under the law) (yes/no)

17 answered No (22%)
60 answered Yes (76%)
2 did not answer

5. Given that you currently assess and/or provide for MAID, if federal law were to change to allow MAID in patients where mental health is the sole underlying medical condition, would you be willing to assess patients for MAID where mental health is the sole underlying medical condition? (yes/no)

23 answered No (29%)
55 answered yes (70%)
1 did not answer

6. Given that you currently assess and/or provide for MAID, if federal law were to change to allow MAID in patients where mental health is the sole underlying medical condition, would you be willing to provide MAID for patients where mental health is the sole underlying medical condition? (and presumably have been deemed eligible under the law) (yes/no)

24 answered No (30%)
51 answered Yes (65%)
4 did not answer



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7. Leaving aside for the moment the question of mature minors exercising their right to MAID without parental consent, please consider the following statement:

'In the uncommon situation where a child suffers from a grievous and irremediable condition, as defined in current Canadian law as it relates to MAID, and in the even more uncommon circumstance that parents and child agree that MAID is their preferred option, I believe it should be legal and available.'

35 Strongly agree (44%)
40 Agree (51%)
4 Disagree (5%)
0 Strongly disagree

8. In the specific situation where a patient has requested MAID and been deemed eligible, and in the circumstance that they go on to lose capacity to make this request due to disease progression or appropriate analgesic needs, they should be allowed to use their properly completed request as an advanced directive and receive MAID as planned

56 Strongly agree (70%)
19 Agree (24%)
3 Disagree (4%)
0 Strongly disagree
1 did not answer