New Reporting Requirements for Medical Assistance in Dying

Physicians have compulsory reporting requirements to government for medical assistance in dying. Additional reporting came into effect on November 1st, 2018, that you need to know about. The Government of Canada's new Monitoring of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Regulations will require physicians to file reports related to requests for and the provision of MAID, including when they receive a written request for MAID (which need not be a formal request but must be an explicit request for MAID and not just an inquiry about MAID or a request for information). Verbal requests/discussions do NOT require reporting.

These reporting requirements apply to all physicians, even those who do not provide MAID. Failure to report could result in criminal sanctions. Please refer to the Health Canada website for full details:

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/medical-assistance-dying/guidance-reporting-summary.html

These requirements are in addition to the CPSM Standard of Practice for MAID, http://cpsm.mb.ca/cjj39alckF30a/wp-content/uploads/Standards%20of%20Practice/Standards%20of%20Practice%20of%20Medicine.pdf#pagee=97 which also requires compliance with federal law.

Further information can be found on the <u>WRHA MAID Website</u> at: http://www.wrha.mb.ca/maid/federal-reporting.html