

MAID chart of legislative requirements for nurses

This chart is an overview of the legislative requirements for medical assistance in dying. An NP can provide an eligible patient with MAID. CNO recognizes that RNs and RPNs play an important role in the MAID process as members of the interprofessional health care team. Please refer to the [Guidance on nurses' role in medical assistance in dying](#) for details.

	When natural death is reasonably foreseeable	Applies to both situations	When natural death is NOT reasonably foreseeable
Stage 1: Determine Eligibility	Refer to the middle column	<p>NPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assesses eligibility criteria of patient for MAID <p>RN/RPNs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legislative requirements 	Refer to the middle column
Stage 2: Ensure Safeguards are met	Refer to the middle column	<p>NPs are accountable for ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All eligibility criteria are met Written request is signed, dated before an independent witness Patient is informed they can withdraw the request at any time Second independent physician or NP provides written opinion Reasonable measures to support the patients with difficulty communicating <p>RNs/RPNs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May act as independent witnesses if they are in a paid occupation to provide care 	<p>NPs are accountable for ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 90 clear days from assessment to providing MAID Patient is assessed by an expert who has expertise in the condition causing their suffering Patient is informed about available services and offered consultations Patient is informed about reasonable and available means to relieve suffering and patient has given serious consideration
Stage 3: Consent for MAID	<p>NPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider whether advanced consent agreements may apply Consider whether an agreement in case of failed self-administration applies <p>RN/RPNs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legislative requirements 	<p>As with any nursing procedure, activity or intervention, NPs are responsible for obtaining appropriate consent as per the <i>Health Care Consent Act</i>. See Consent guideline for more info.</p> <p>Before the patient loses capacity to consent to MAID, the NP may enter an advanced consent agreement to administer MAID in cases of failed self-administration.</p>	<p>NPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that advanced consent agreements do not apply Consider whether an agreement in case of failed self-administration applies <p>RN/RPNs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legislative requirements
Stage 4: Consent for MAID	Refer to the middle column	<p>NPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use evidence to inform decision-making about medications Ensure safe disposal of unused medications Communicate with patients and families about the process Collaborate with healthcare team Give patient opportunity to withdraw their request and ensure they give express consent <p>RN/RPNs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legislative requirements 	Refer to the middle column
Reporting Requirements (may occur at any stage)		<p>NPs are accountable for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting to Health Canada and the Office of the Chief Coroner <p>RN/RPNs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legislative requirements 	