

ASSISTED SUICIDE: UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

‘Strict safeguards’ don’t work. Experience shows that, in every country where assisted dying has been allowed, concerning cases have emerged; vulnerable people feel at risk and safeguards are weakened. **Vote No.**

CANADA >>>



I went for a mastectomy and they offered me assisted dying, Canadian cancer patient reveals

Patient asked about ‘medical assistance in dying’ as critics say euthanasia has spiralled out of control

A woman undergoing life-saving cancer surgery in Canada was offered assisted suicide by doctors as she was about to enter the operating room. Speaking anonymously, the 51-year-old cancer patient said of the moment she was offered death instead of surgery: “It floored me... [it was] the most vulnerable I’ve ever felt in my life”. The patient, a married grandmother from Nova Scotia, explained she was set to undergo a mastectomy operation for breast cancer when a physician asked her if she knew about medical assistance in dying (MAID).

[Daily Telegraph: 14 Oct 24](#)

‘I’m so broken’: Grieving family speaks out after B.C. cancer patient awaiting treatment chooses MAID

Kathleen Carmichael says B.C.’s health-care system let her family down. Her partner, Dan Quayle, opted for a medically assisted death 13 days ago. It was a choice he made after waiting for chemotherapy and treatment that didn’t come fast enough.

[CTV News Vancouver: 07 Dec 23](#)

The disabled woman battling euthanasia in Canada after nurses said she was ‘selfish’ for living

‘You should do the right thing and consider MAID,’ said the nurse, referring to the country’s Medical Assistance in Dying program. **‘You’re being selfish. You’re not living, you’re merely existing.’**

[Daily Mail: 12 Jul 24](#)

Canadian Doctors Told Her to Consider Assisted Suicide. She Came to US instead

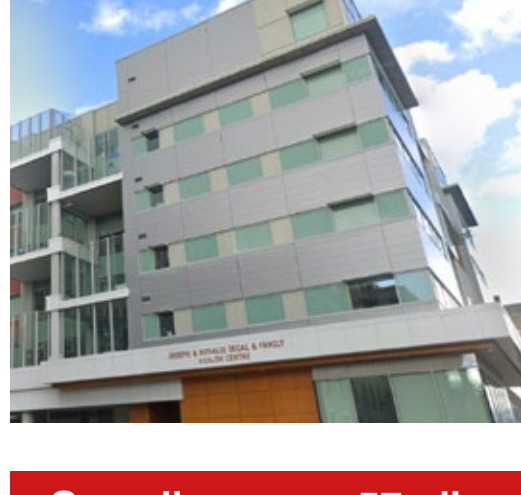
‘I suggest you talk to your family, get your affairs in order,’ Allison Ducluzeau recalled hearing from a surgeon in her country

With the help of her family and friends, Ducluzeau found a cancer surgeon who performs the two-step treatment at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

In the months since her operation, Ducluzeau has taken up running and watched her daughter graduate from the University of Victoria’s law school in May, she told the Times Colonist.

She also married her partner of nine years, Roderick Bernasky, on a beach in Hawaii on Nov. 14.

[Microsoft News: 03 Dec 23](#)



Canada hospital apologises for mentioning assisted suicide programme to woman seeking help for suicidal thoughts

Kathrin Mentler says she was offered medical assistance in dying treatment after seeking psychiatric help

Kathrin Mentler, 37, told The Globe and Mail that she went to Vancouver General Hospital in June seeking treatment after her condition of long-term chronic depression was aggravated by a traumatic event.

She said she was told by a clinician that the system was “broken”, and there would be a lengthy wait to see a psychiatrist. Ms Mentler told the news site she was then asked: **“Have you considered MAID?”**

[The Independent: 10 Aug 23](#)

Canadian mom, 57, diagnosed with aggressive stomach cancer was told to consider assisted suicide by doctors who said country’s universal healthcare system could not save her

A Canadian mom diagnosed with aggressive stomach cancer has blasted doctors who told her to consider assisted suicide as ‘disgusting’, after she found alternative treatment in the US.

[Daily Mail 04 Dec 23](#)

Former Paralympian tells MPs veterans department offered her assisted death

Retired Corporal Christine Gauthier said the department even offered to provide the equipment

A paraplegic former member of the Canadian military shocked MPs on Thursday by testifying that the Department of Veterans Affairs offered her, in writing, the opportunity for a medically assisted death — and even offered to provide the equipment.

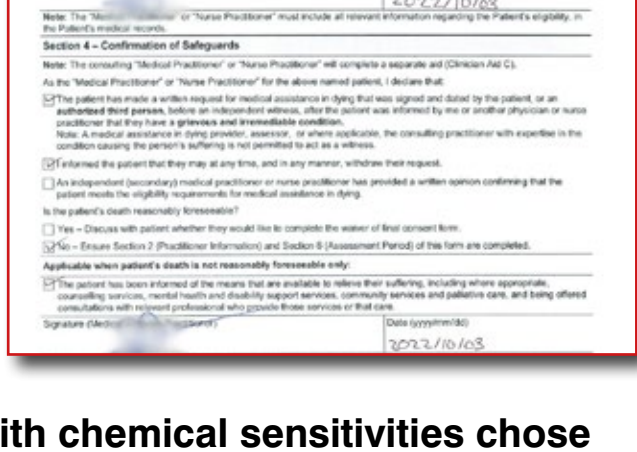
[Canadian Broadcasting Corporation: 01 Dec 22](#)

Ontario man applying for medically-assisted death as alternative to being homeless

Amir Farsoud, a 54-year-old St. Catharines man is in the process of applying for medical assistance in dying (MAID), not because he wants to die, but because social supports are failing him and he fears he may have no other choice.

But Farsoud said his quality of life is not the reason he is applying for MAID. He applied because he is currently in danger of losing his housing and fears being homeless over dying. **“It’s not my first choice.”**

[Toronto City News: 13 Oct 22](#)



Woman with chemical sensitivities chose medically-assisted death after failed bid to get better housing

A 51-year-old Ontario woman with severe sensitivities to chemicals chose medically-assisted death after her desperate search for affordable housing free of cigarette smoke and chemical cleaners failed, advocates say. **“The government sees me as expendable trash, a complainer, useless and a pain in the a**,”** ‘Sophia’ said in a video filmed on Feb. 14, eight days before her death. She died after a frantic effort by friends, supporters and even her doctors to get her safe and affordable housing in Toronto.

[CTV News: 24 Aug 22](#)

Put to death’: Canada’s too-permissive euthanasia laws a threat to the disabled, experts say

Disabled rights advocates are troubled by instances in which people have sought to be killed because they weren’t getting adequate government support to live

Alan Nichols had a history of depression and other medical issues, but none were life-threatening. When the 61-year-old was hospitalized in June 2019 over fears he might be suicidal, he asked his brother to **“bust him out”** as soon as possible.

Within a month, Nichols submitted a request to be euthanized and he was killed, despite concerns raised by his family and a nurse practitioner. His application for euthanasia listed only one health condition as the reason for his request to die: hearing loss.

[National Post Canada: 11 Aug 22](#)



No free choice – Candice Lewis

Candice Lewis, who has physical and intellectual disabilities, was hospitalized in November of 2016. Her mother, Sheila Elson, accompanied her. Ms. Elson says that at one point, a doctor approached the pair to tell them that **“assisted suicide death was legal in Canada.”** Upon hearing that neither were interested in pursuing it, the doctor called Ms. Elson **“selfish.”**

[TVNDY Canada: 20 Mar 20](#)

Chronically ill man releases audio of hospital staff offering assisted death

An Ontario man suffering from an incurable neurological disease has provided CTV News with audio recordings that he says are proof that hospital staff offered him medically assisted death, despite his repeated requests to live at home.

Roger Foley, 42, who earlier this year launched a landmark lawsuit against a London hospital, several health agencies, the Ontario government and the federal government, alleges that health officials will not provide him with an assisted home care team of his choosing, instead offering, among other things, medically assisted death.

[CTV News: 02 Aug 18](#)



NETHERLANDS >>>



Physically-healthy Dutch woman Zoraya ter Beek dies by euthanasia aged 29 because she did not want to live with depression

Zoraya ter Beek, who also suffered from trauma and borderline personality disorder, decided that she wanted to die after struggling with mental health issues for over a decade, while claiming that no treatment had helped her.

[Daily Mail: 25 May 24](#)

Dutch to widen ‘right-to-die’ to include terminally ill children

THE HAGUE, April 14 (Reuters) - The Netherlands will widen its existing euthanasia regulations to include the possibility of doctor-assisted death for terminally ill children between one and twelve years old, the Dutch government said on Friday.

[Reuters 14 Apr 23](#)



Dutch court clears doctor in landmark euthanasia trial

The patient was given fatal doses of drugs despite some indications she might have changed her mind since declaring in writing that she wanted euthanasia. To carry out the euthanasia, the physician drugged the patient’s coffee without her knowledge and then had family members restrain the woman while delivering the fatal injection.

[AP News 11 Sep 19](#)

BELGIUM >>>

Doctors cleared in landmark euthanasia trial of woman ‘who wanted to end her life because of a relationship’

Relatives of Tine Nys, 38, who was given a lethal injection in April 2010, argued her death was unlawful as she wanted to die due to a failed relationship rather than an “incurable disorder” as required by Belgian law.

[The Independent: 31 Jan 20](#)



AUSTRALIA >>>



Terminally ill man’s heartbreaking decision to end his life after 10-month wait for home care in Australia

‘I don’t want to live my life laying in a bed waiting for something to happen.’

A terminally ill man who has spent ten months waiting for at-home care has made the heart-wrenching decision to end his own life. Cyril Tooze, 86, was approved for a Level 4 Home Care Package — the highest available care....Almost a year on, it’s yet to be delivered.

[7 News Australia: 23 Oct 24](#)

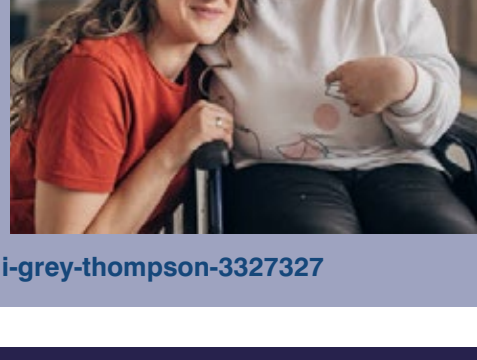
DISABILITY >>>

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson: Disabled people ‘really scared’ by assisted dying bill

Peer fears new law would open the door to vulnerable being ‘pushed’ into seeing death as their ‘best’ option

Vulnerable disabled people could end up being “pushed” and “coerced” into death if assisted dying is made legal, Tanni Grey-Thompson has warned. “It just will get eroded very quickly,” she said. “It has in every jurisdiction [that has allowed assisted dying] – it’s either changed in the law or practice has become looser.”

<https://inews.co.uk/news/disabled-people-scared-assisted-dying-tanni-grey-thompson-3327327>



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