

# Physician Attitudes Toward Medical Aid in Dying

*Survey Results from Across the U.S.*

| National Surveys                 |  |                  |                    |
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| Organization                     | Survey Question  | Agree or Support | Disagree or Oppose |
| Medscape (2020)                  | Should physician-assisted suicide or physician-assisted dying be made legal for terminally ill patients? | 55%              | 28%                |
| Society for Gynecologic Oncology | Would you provide medical aid in dying to your patients?   | 61-63%           | 32-33%             |
| Yale School of Medicine (2019)   | Should PAS (Physician-assisted suicide) be legal in your state?  | 60%              | 37%                |

| State Surveys                      |  |                  |                    |
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| Arizona Medical Association (2018) | Do you support or oppose Medical Aid in Dying being legal in Arizona (modeled after the California Law)?   | 53%              | 27%                |
| Colorado Medical Society (2016)    | Do you favor or oppose authorizing physician-assisted suicide/aid in dying, where terminally-ill adults in Colorado of sound mind could ask for and receive a lethal dose of prescription medications from their physicians for self-administration to shorten the dying process should their suffering become unbearable? | 56%              | 35%                |

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| Delaware Physician Survey (2023)<br>C&C/NuPoint        | Do you support or oppose medical aid in dying (MAiD), which is defined as a practice in which a terminally ill adult with decision-making capacity asks for and receives a prescription medication that may be self-ingested to hasten a foreseeable death?   | 67%              | 20%                |
| Illinois Physician Survey (2022)<br>C&C/Medscape       | Medical aid in dying (MAiD), also called physician-assisted death (PAD), is a practice in which a terminally ill adult with decision-making capacity asks for and receives a prescription medication that may be self-ingested to hasten a foreseeable death. Do you support or oppose this option? | 58%              | 25%                |
| Maryland Psychiatric Society (2022)                    | The following question pertains to a competent person with a terminal condition who has significant pain, suffering and/or functional deterioration, despite adequate treatment: In principle, a person in this situation should have the right to elect to end their life.                         | 76%              | 22%                |
| Maryland State Medical Society (2016)                  | The survey asked respondents to disclose their general feeling about the concept of aid in dying or physician assisted suicide.   | 54%              | 42%                |
| Massachusetts Medical Society (2018)                   | In general, do you support or oppose medical aid in dying/physician assisted suicide, the practice of physicians giving terminally ill adults prescriptions for lethal doses of medications to be self-administered at such time as the patient sees fit?   | 60%              | 24%                |
| New York State Physician Survey (2018)<br>C&C/Medscape | Medical aid in dying (MAiD), also known as physician-assisted suicide (PAS), is a practice in which a terminally ill adult with decision-making capacity asks for and receives a prescription medication that may be self-ingested to hasten death. Do you support or oppose this option?           | 56%              | 26%                |

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| Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (2019) | What is your opinion on allowing Medical Aid In Dying services to terminally ill patients? | 48%              | 37%                |