



Statement of Policy and Procedure

Manual:	General Administration	Effective:	January 2018
Section:	Organizational	Revised:	
Subject:	Statement Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)		

Purpose:

To provide a consistent ethical and compassionate approach, reflective of the Health Ethics Guide and Catholic teaching.

Statement:

Marianhill believes that staying engaged with the client or resident in non-discriminatory and non-coercive ways and helping to explore the nature of a person's request for medical assistance in dying is completely consistent with our moral and ethical traditions.

As a Catholic healthcare provider, Marianhill does not provide medical assistance in dying, physician assisted death, assisted suicide or voluntary euthanasia.

However, Marianhill affirms its commitment to provide quality palliative, hospice and end-of-life care, as well as compassionate support for dying persons and their families through all stages of life. This includes offering quality palliative and end-of-life care that addresses physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs to persons who are dying and their families, and delivering effective and timely pain and symptom management as outlined in the Health Ethics Guide, the foundational ethics resource used by Marianhill and all Catholic health care organizations in Canada.