

Supplementary appendix 1:

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL &lt;1946 to October 04, 2021&gt;

Search Strategy:

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- 1 euthanasia, active/ or euthanasia, active, voluntary/ or hospice care/ or suicide, assisted/ (14808)
  - 2 terminally ill/ (6684)
  - 3 Right to die/ (4950)
  - 4 Terminal care/ (29907)
  - 5 advance care planning/ or advance directives/ (9125)
  - 6 ((dying or death or euthan\* or suicide or terminal\* ill\*) adj5 (assist\* or hasten\*)).tw,kf. (5952)
  - 7 Palliative care/ (58012)
  - 8 exp Practice Patterns, Physicians'/es [Ethics] (812)
  - 9 physician's role/ (30584)
  - 10 Health Personnel/ (52294)
  - 11 ((health care provider or clinician\* or doctor\* or physician\* or nurse or social work\* or oncologist\* or palliative physician or nursing or psychiatrist\* or psychologist\* or psychotherapist\*) adj3 (experience\* or emotion\* or feeling\*)).tw,kf. (23976)
  - 12 (Interview: or experience:).mp. or qualitative.tw. (1655368)
  - 13 health personnel/ or allied health personnel/ or anesthetists/ or caregivers/ or case managers/ or "coroners and medical examiners"/ or emergency medical dispatcher/ or epidemiologists/ or faculty, medical/ or faculty, nursing/ or health educators/ or health facility administrators/ or medical chaperones/ or medical laboratory personnel/ or medical staff/ or exp nurses/ or nursing staff/ or occupational therapists/ or personnel, hospital/ or pharmacists/ or physical therapists/ or physician executives/ or exp physicians/ (431546)
  - 14 (ethnograph\* or grounded theory or qualitative research or thematic analysis or semi-structured interview\* or narrative inquiry or focus\* group or content analysis or discourse or lived life experience\*).tw,kf. (156494)
  - 15 aid in dying.mp. (243)
  - 16 death with dignity.mp. (607)
  - 17 Bill C-14.mp. (24)
  - 18 Bill C-7.mp. (2)
  - 19 MAID.mp. (458)
  - 20 physician assisted death.mp. (309)
  - 21 physician assisted dying.mp. (142)
  - 22 (assisted suicide or physician assisted suicide).tw,kf. (3163)
  - 23 Qualitative Research/ (67825)
  - 24 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 (55486)
  - 25 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 13 (527655)
  - 26 12 or 14 or 23 (1692068)
  - 27 24 and 25 and 26 (5490)
  - 28 limit 27 to dt=19460101-20210430 [January 1st, 1946 to April 30th, 2021] (5441)
  - 29 limit 28 to english language (5073)
  - 30 limit 29 to abstracts (4876)

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Grey Literature databases (December 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, updated August 2020 and 2021)

Total # Records after de-duplication: 13. Records selected after applying critical appraisal tool 8.

Database	Search strategy	#records screened	# new records and records after de-duplication and applying the critical appraisal tool
Google scholar	With the exact phrase: "Medical assistance in dying" ; "physician assisted suicide"; With all the words: "emotional impact on health care providers involved in medical assistance in dying"	400	5
Des Lebris/Canadian Electronic Library	Medical assistance in dying	5	0
Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI)	Medical assistance in dying	7	0
OAlster database (includes WordCAT)	Medical Assistance in dying, Physician assisted suicide as key word	206	2
OpenGrey	Medical assistance in dying, Physician Assisted suicide as key word	4	0
BASE ( Bielefeld Academic Search Engine)	Subject Heading search: "Medical Assistance in dying"	670	1

## Selected records:

## Google scholar included Results:

1. Beuthin R. Cultivating Compassion: The Practice Experience of a Medical Assistance in Dying Coordinator in Canada. *Qualitative Health Research*. 2018;28(11):1679-1691. doi:[10.1177/1049732318788850](https://doi.org/10.1177/1049732318788850)
2. Bouthillier M-E, Opatrny L. A qualitative study of physicians' conscientious objections to medical aid in dying. *Palliative Medicine*. 2019;33(9):1212-1220. doi:[10.1177/0269216319861921](https://doi.org/10.1177/0269216319861921)
3. Bruce A, Beuthin R. Medically Assisted Dying in Canada: "Beautiful Death" Is Transforming Nurses' Experiences of Suffering. *Canadian Journal of Nursing Research*. June 2019. doi:[10.1177/0844562119856234](https://doi.org/10.1177/0844562119856234)
4. Alison A. Townsley. Putting a Bow on Death and Dying-Health Care Professionals' Experiences with Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD): A Foucauldian Discourse Analysis with Agambian Insights. [Practice Based Research Paper on the Internet]. York University School of Social Work;2018. [Cited February 28,2019] Available from: [https://yorkspace.library.yorku.ca/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10315/35613/Alison\\_Townsley\\_PRP\\_2018.pdf?sequence=1](https://yorkspace.library.yorku.ca/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10315/35613/Alison_Townsley_PRP_2018.pdf?sequence=1)
5. Gamondi C, Borasio GD, Oliver P, Preston N, Payne S. Responses to assisted suicide requests: an interview study with Swiss palliative care physicians. *BMJ Support Palliat Care*. 2019 Mar;9(1):e7. doi: 10.1136/bmjspcare-2016-001291. Epub 2017 Aug 11. Available from <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28801317/>

## OAlster included Results:

1. Implementing Medical Aid-in-Dying in Vermont: a Qualitative Study. *J GEN INTERNMED* **34**, 636–641 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11606-018-4811-1>
2. Allyson Oliphant. "If Not Me, Then Who?" The Narratives of Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) Providers and Supporters Around Their Professional Identity and Role in MAiD [Thesis on the Internet]. MacMaster University; 2017. [Cited on February 10, 2019]. Available from <http://hdl.handle.net/11375/22146>

## BASE included results:

1. Sheridan, Laura, "When Patients Ask to Die: The Role of Nurses in Medical Assistance in Dying" (2017). Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Repository. 5041. <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/etd/5041>

**Database:**

Embase &lt;1974 to 2021 April 30&gt;

#	Query	Results from search strategy run on October 4, 2021
1	euthanasia, active/ or euthanasia, active, voluntary/ or hospice care/ or suicide, assisted/	18,815
2	terminally ill/	8,339
3	right to die/	4,060
4	terminal care/	38,968
5	advance care planning/ or advance directives/	13,209
6	((dying or death or euthan* or suicide or terminal* ill*) adj5 (assist* or hasten*)).tw,kf.	7,430
7	palliative care/	83,687
8	exp clinical practice/ and medical ethics/	5,575
9	physician's role/	49,149
10	health personnel/	168,037
11	((health care provider or clinician* or doctor* or physician* or nurse or social work* or oncologist* or palliative physician or nursing or psychiatrist* or psychologist* or psychotherapist*) adj3 (experience* or emotion* or feeling*)).tw,kf.	34,589
12	(interview: or experience:).mp. or qualitative.tw.	2,361,122
13	health personnel/ or allied health personnel/ or anesthetists/ or caregivers/ or case managers/ or "coroners and medical examiners"/ or emergency medical dispatcher/ or epidemiologists/ or faculty, medical/ or faculty, nursing/ or health educators/ or health facility administrators/ or medical occupational therapists/ or personnel, hospital/ or pharmacists/ or physical therapists/ or physician executives/ or exp physicians/	1,402,853
14	(ethnograph* or grounded theory or qualitative research or thematic analysis or semi-structured interview* or narrative inquiry or focus* group or content analysis or discourse or lived life experience*).tw,kf.	203,129
15	aid in dying.mp.	293
16	death with dignity.mp.	655
17	Bill C-14.mp.	32
18	Bill C-7.mp.	4
19	MAID.mp.	667

20	physician assisted death.mp.	365
21	physician assisted dying.mp.	171
22	(assisted suicide or physician assisted suicide).tw,kf.	3,620
23	qualitative research/	98,864
24	1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22	73,993
25	7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 13	1,525,230
26	12 or 14 or 23	2,406,823
27	24 and 25 and 26	8,659
28	limit 27 to (abstracts and english language and yr="1946 - 2021")	7,666



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#	Query	Limiters/Expanders	Last Run Via	Results
S25	S22 AND S23 AND S24	Limiters - Published Date: 19460401-20210430; Exclude MEDLINE records; Publication Type: Abstract; Language: English Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL	Display
S24	S10 OR S12 OR S21	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL	Display
S23	S6 OR S7 OR S8 OR S9 OR S11	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL	Display

S22	(S1 OR S2 OR S3 OR S4 OR S5 OR S13 OR S14 OR S15 OR S16 OR S17 OR S18 OR S19 OR S20)	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S21	qualitative research words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Expanders - Apply related	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S20	TX (assisted suicide or physician assisted suicide)	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced	Display

			Search	
Search modes - Boolean/Phrase			Database - CINAHL	
S19	physician assisted dying words; Apply equivalent subjects	Expanders - Apply related	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search	Display
Search modes - Boolean/Phrase			Database - CINAHL	
S18	physician assisted death words; Apply equivalent subjects	Expanders - Apply related	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search	Display
Search modes - Boolean/Phrase			Database - CINAHL	
S17	MAID subjects	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search	Display
Search modes - Boolean/Phrase			Database - CINAHL	
S16	Bill C-7 subjects	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search	Display
Search modes - Boolean/Phrase			Database - CINAHL	
S15	Bill C-14 equivalent subjects	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search	Display
Search modes - Boolean/Phrase			Database - CINAHL	
S14	death with dignity words; Apply equivalent subjects	Expanders - Apply related	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search	Display
Search modes - Boolean/Phrase			Database - CINAHL	
S13	aid in dying equivalent subjects	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search	Display
Search modes - Boolean/Phrase			Database - CINAHL	
S12	TX (ethnograph* or grounded theory or qualitative research or	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced	Display

	thematic synthesis or semi-structured interview* or narrative inquiry or focus* group or content analysis or discourse or lived life experience*)	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Search Database - CINAHL	
S11	health personnel or allied health personnel or anesthetists or caregivers or case managers or "coroners and medical examiners" or emergency medical dispatcher or epidemiologists or faculty, medical or faculty, nursing or health educators or health facility administrators or medical chaperones or medical laboratory personnel or medical staff or nurses or nursing staff or occupational therapists or personnel, hospital or pharmacists or physical therapists or physician executives or physicians	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL	Display
S10	TX (interview: or experience:) or qualitative	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL	Display
S9	TX ((health care provider or clinician* or doctor* or physician* or nurse or social work* or oncologist* or palliative physician or nursing or psychiatrist* or psychologist* or psychotherapist*) N3 (experience* or emotion* or feeling*))	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - CINAHL	Display



S8	health personnel or healthcare professionals or healthcare workers	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S7	physician role	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S6	practice patterns, physicians AND medical ethics	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S5	TX ((dying or death or euthan* or suicide or terminal* ill*) N5 (assist* or hasten*))	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S4	advance care planning or end of life planning or advance directive or advance care plan or advance decision or advance helth care plan	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S3	terminal care or palliative care or end of life care or hospice	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S2	terminally ill	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent subjects  Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Research Databases Search Screen - Advanced Search  Database - CINAHL	Display
S1	euthanasia or assisted suicide or right to die or physician assisted suicide	or death with dignity	Expanders - Apply related words; Apply equivalent	subjects

Total Number of records from  
CINAHL search strategy: 262.



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# Saved searches

Combine queries...

e.g. #1 AND NOT #3



ID	Name	Query	Documents	Date last run	Actions
#33	scopus 6	(( {active euthanasia} / OR {voluntary euthanasia} / OR {hospi View More	8,905	oct 4, 2021	+
#32	scopus 5	(( {active euthanasia} / OR {voluntary euthanasia} / OR {hospi View More	9,662	oct 4, 2021	+
#31	scopus 4	(( {active euthanasia} / OR {voluntary euthanasia} / OR {hospi View More	9,711	oct 4, 2021	+
#29	Scopus	(( {active euthanasia} / OR {voluntary euthanasia} / OR {hospi View More	10,097	oct 4, 2021	+
#28	3	... View More	852,122	oct 4, 2021	+
#27	2	( {palliative care} / ) OR ( {clinic al practice} AND {physician ethi View More	1,458,970	oct 4, 2021	+

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ID	Name	Query	Documents	Date last run	Actions
#26	1	{active euthanasia} / OR {voluntary euthanasia} / OR {hospice}	127,545	oct 4, 2021	+
#25	terminally ill terminal care	{terminally ill} OR {terminal care}	72,266	oct 4, 2021	+
#24	qualitative research	{qualitative research}	570,500	oct 4, 2021	+
#23	physician assisted suicide	{physician assisted suicide}	1,365	oct 4, 2021	+
#22	physician assisted dying	{physician assisted dying}	90	oct 4, 2021	+
#21	physician assisted death	{physician assisted death}	153	oct 4, 2021	+
#20	MAiD	{MAiD}	11,549	oct 4, 2021	+
#19	Bill C-7	{Bill C-7}	38	oct 4, 2021	+
#18	Bill C-14	{Bill C-14}	120	oct 4, 2021	+
#17	death with dignity	{death with dignity}	2,743	oct 4, 2021	+
		... View More			
#16	aid in dying	{aid in dying}	823	oct 4, 2021	+
		... View More			
#15	qualitative methods	TITLE-ABS-KEY ( ethnograph* OR "grounded theory" OR "the	439,839	oct 4, 2021	+

ID	Name	Query	... View More Documents	Date last run	Actions
#14	health care provider	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("allied health personnel" OR anesthetists OR	1,203,712	oct 4, 2021	+
#13	qualitative interview qualitative study	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("qualitative interview" OR "qualitative study")	119,016	oct 4, 2021	+
#12	health care provider experience	(( "health care provider" OR clinician* OR doctor* OR physicia	85,449	oct 4, 2021	+
#11	health personnel	{health personnel} /	195,852	oct 4, 2021	+
#10	physicians role	{physician's role} /	31,290	oct 4, 2021	+
#9	clinical practice physician ethics	{clinical practice} AND {physician ethics}	25	oct 4, 2021	+
#8	palliative care	{palliative care} /	185,455	oct 4, 2021	+
#7	assisted death	(( dying OR death OR euthan* OR suicide OR "terminal* ill*"	12,119	oct 4, 2021	+
#6	advance care planning	{advance care planning} / OR {advance directives} /	27,184	oct 4, 2021	+
#5	right to die	{right to die} /	8,046	oct 4, 2021	+
#3	active euthanasia	{active euthanasia} / OR {voluntary euthanasia} / OR {hospice c	38,053	oct 4, 2021	+

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