



We devoted World Right to Die Day 2023 our attention to healthcare providers to whom we turn for compassion and care in our last moments. Weaving through the myriad of rules while respecting patient wishes can be extremely difficult. These are the doctors, nurses, pharmacists and doula's to whom we turn at life's end for relief.



Dr Stefanie Green

When I tell someone they are eligible for MAID, I see a remarkable transformation; people are grateful for being given agency, to have the ability to make the decision about whether they will have an assisted death.

Vanvouver, BC





Dr. Jay Schamberg

The right to die with dignity is the ultimate affirmation of individual autonomy and self-determination.

Wisconsin





Dr. Mona Gupta

Montreal, QC

We need to move away from the idea that people with mental disorders cannot make decisions about their own lives. Exclusion from MAID says that they are not entitled to make choices about their own lives the way everyone else is.





Dr. Uwe-Christian Arnold (d.2019)

A patient, “Thanks to him, I can look into the future again – largely without fear – knowing that I can help myself if necessary.”

Germany





Dr. Staffan Bergström

Reverence for life as a gift requires utmost respect for suffering towards the end of life. The most important help in life is to get a dignified farewell.

Sweden

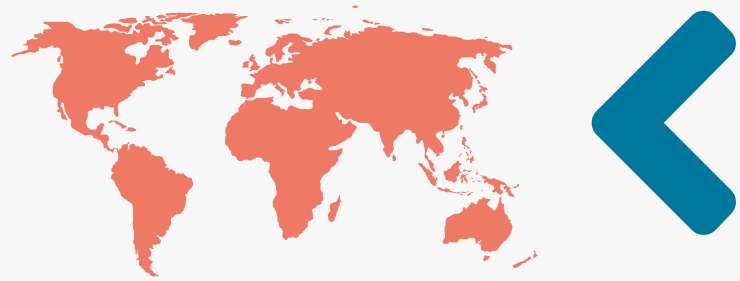




Dr. Bernard Senet

As a GP, I accompanied many patients at the end of their life, always at their request, never in a hurry. Their loved ones were grateful to me.

France

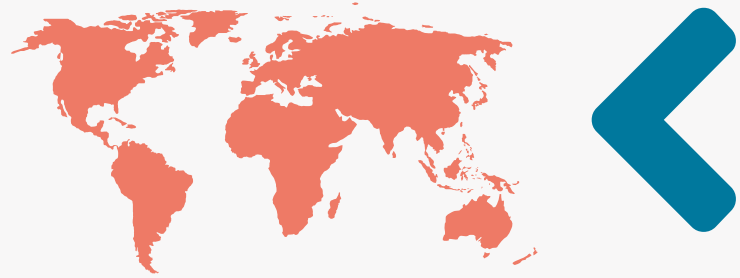




Dr. Denis Labayle

As a doctor, I did my best to meet my patient's wish at the end of life, whatever the risks in France, because it was my role as a caregiver.

France





Dr. Nicolas Bonnemaïson

The humanity that a doctor must always keep
can sometimes be heavily condemned in France.

France





Dr. Erika Preisig

Peoples' gratitude to be allowed to make use of their right to die gives me peace. Reading the grateful letters of their family members and friends shows that we are doing the right thing.

Switzerland





Dr. Isolde Lernbass-Wutzl

I want to make sure that assisted suicide is handled professionally and no one is left alone with a lethal drug.

Austria





Dr. Darren Russell

VAD has allowed people to take control of their end of life, and gives people more peace of mind as they approach their last weeks or months. It has been a great honour to walk with people on their journey.

Cairns, Australia





Dr. Heather McNamee

I am very proud to be amongst the first authorised prescribers for VAD in Queensland. I know just the fact that VAD is now accessible in Queensland will give great comfort to many people undergoing immense suffering, even to those who don't access the option.

Queensland, Australia





Dr Carolyn Lawlor-Smith

Having supported more than 40 people navigate the VAD process in South Australia has been the most fulfilling aspect of my GP career of 42 years. It is a privilege to be of service to those at their most vulnerable.?

South Australia





Dr. Gary Payinda

Assisted dying has meant that a person dying of a terminal illness can face the last few weeks knowing that they won't have to suffer unnecessarily – they can take what might have been a bad death, and with medical help, turn it into a gentle, peaceful one.

New Zealand





Dr. Nick Carr

I am in awe of patients' courage and composure, their determination to wrestle some control back from the disease that has robbed them of everything. I see the comfort they get from knowing that they might have the option of a dignified death. Their deaths are so gentle, peaceful. What more can we ask when the end is nigh?

Victoria





Dr. Stanley Koshy

Being involved with assisted dying and dealing with people and their extended families at the end of their lives has made me a more grounded practitioner and a better human being.

New Zealand

