Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID):

Introduction to the PGME Educational Resource Kit

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Objectives

- Understand rationale for the Educational Resource Kit (ERK)
- Review components of the ERK
  - Slide show & videos
  - 4 case scenarios (small group)
- Discuss roll-out of ERK
- Time for questions

Rationale for the Educational Resource Kit

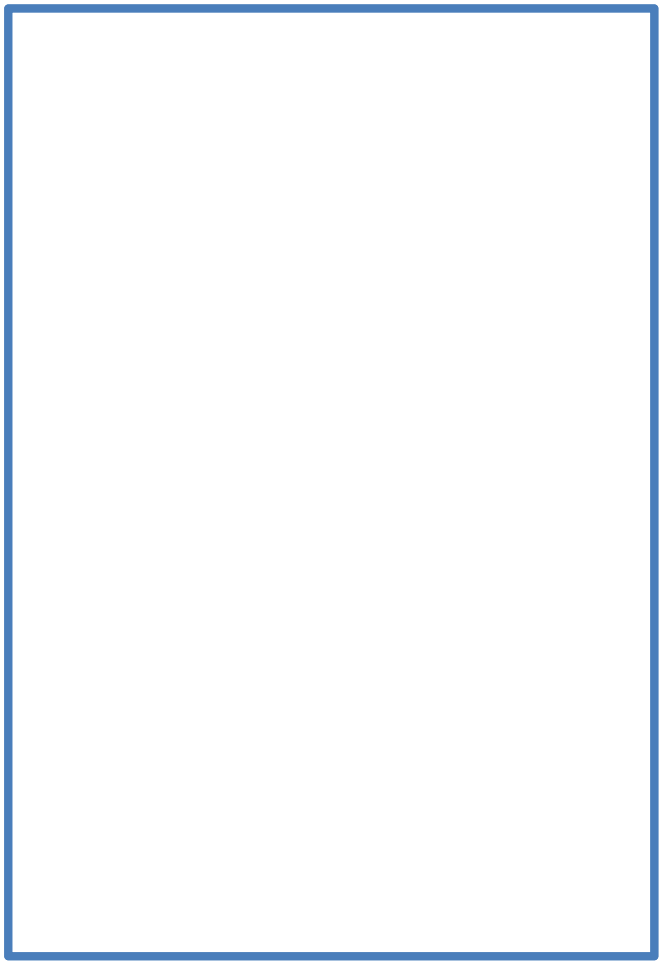
- Carter vs Canada(2015, SCC) decision and subsequent passing of Bill C-14
- Significant MD discomfort with discussing end-of-life, dying, “desire for hastened death”
- 50% of GPs in Netherlands avoided discussing euthanasia because it went against values or was emotionally burdensome

Potential harms of discomfort with discussing "desire for hastened death" (DHD)

- Patients feel abandoned
- Clinicians feel emotionally burdened
- Referral to the wrong services
- Delay in appropriate assessments and treatments

Educational Resource Kit

Slideshow with videos



Small group: 4 cases

Slideshow

- Didactic portion of the ERK
- Reviews historical context of MAID
  - Carter v Canada
  - Bill C 14
- Definition of MAID
- Residents' role in MAID
  - Explore request, have goals of care discussion
  - Should not be first or second assessor
- 10 Step Process Map for MAID
- Complex situations (4 videos)

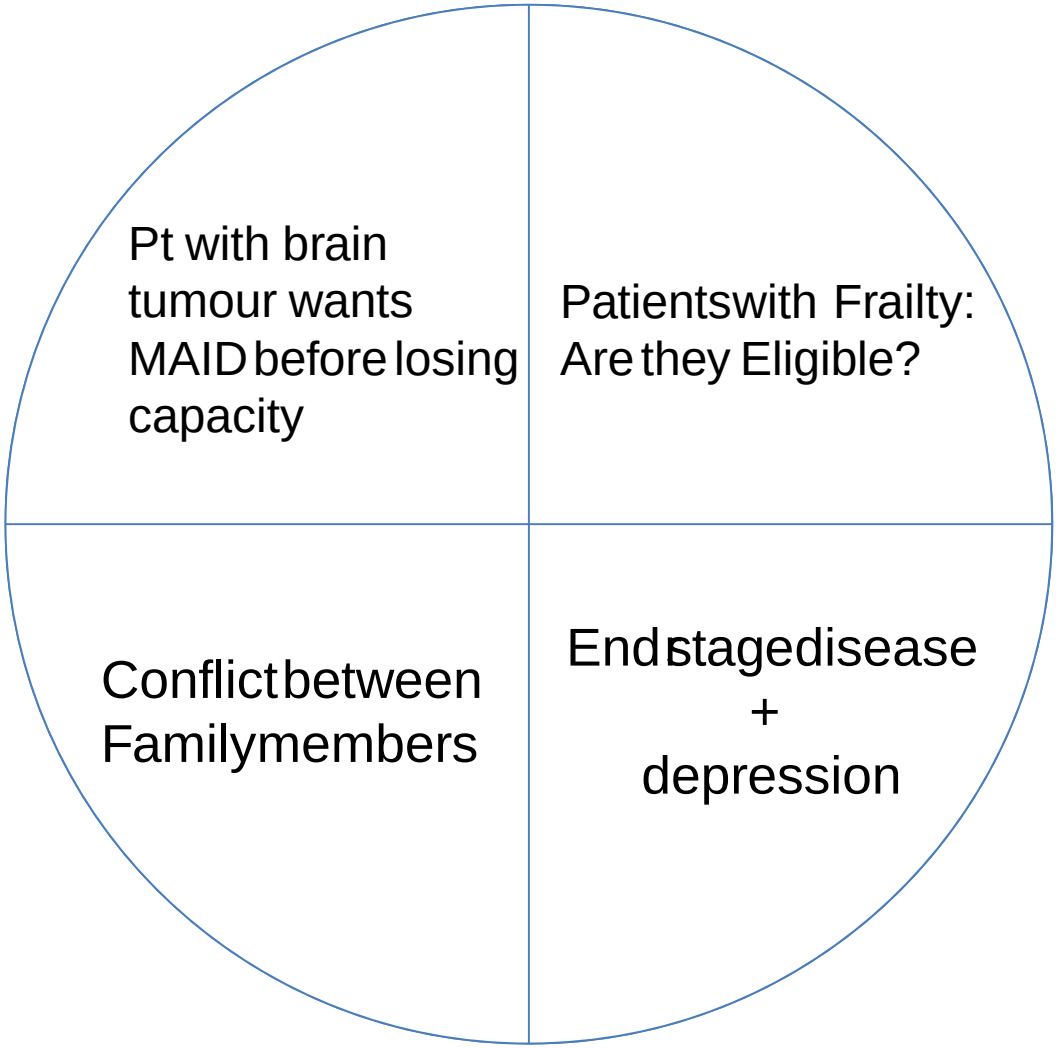
10 Step Process Map for MAID

1. Patient makes initial inquiry
2. Assess the patient against eligibility criteria
3. Patient makes written request
4. Remind patient of ability to rescind request
5. 2nd physician assess for eligibility
6. Period of reflection
7. Informing the pharmacy
8. Provision of MAID
9. Certification of Death
10. Wellness and resiliency post MAID

Complex Situations (videos)

- Goal of ERK is to provide foundational skills and knowledge around MAID and assessing a voiced desire for hastened death
- However, there are numerous emotional and ethical complexities that may arise
- 4 videos of MDs who assess for or provide MAID commenting on some potential complex situations

Complex Situations



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What are some good strategies to mitigate the complex situation where there is conflict amongst family members when MAID has been requested?

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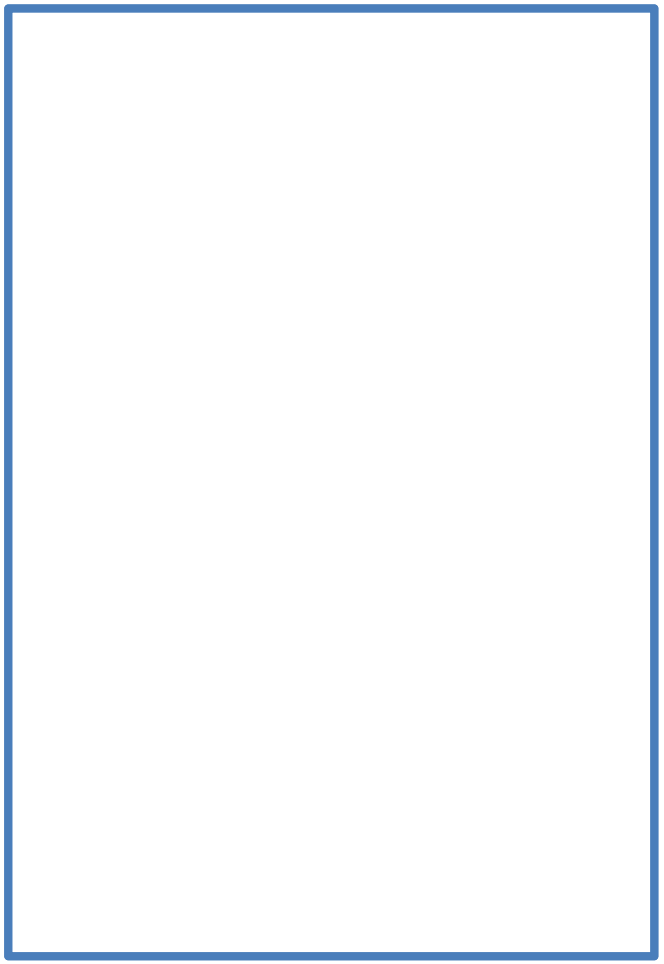

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