



Villa Saint-Joseph du Lac

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In keeping with our mission and values as a Catholic sponsored organization, in accordance with the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada's Health Ethics Guide, Villa Saint-Joseph du Lac is committed to assist each Resident and their loved ones to/by:

- Make informed decisions about end-of-life care
- Decide when to refuse or withdraw life sustaining interventions when the burdens, resulting from treatment are clearly disproportionate to the benefits.
- Receive effective pain and symptom management to lessen pain and suffering
- Have access to high quality palliative care that encompasses support for the spiritual, physical, emotional, and psychological dimensions of the end of live experience for the dying person and their loved ones.
- Supporting residents and their loved ones, without judgement, coercion, or discrimination, as they explore MAID.
- Accompanying Residents and their loved ones through their journey.
- Assisting the Resident to transfer to another care provider for MAID.

Principles

- Villa Saint-Joseph du Lac staff and physicians will not provide MAID.
- If a resident choses MAID, Villa Saint-Joseph du Lac will not abandon the resident. We believe that staying engaged with people in a non-judgmental, non-coercive way and assisting them to explore their request for assisted death is completely consistent with our moral and ethical tradition. This response includes safe and timely transfer of a resident's care to another provider for MAID.
- In keeping with the mission and values of Catholic health care, Villa Saint-Joseph will not abandon its staff and physician' conscience rights if they do not wish to participate in the referral process for MAID.
- Villa Saint-Joseph du Lac will support its staff as they journey with a resident.
- Expressed request for MAID will be respectfully acknowledged in a non-coercive and non-discriminatory manner. The physician will request a consultation with a physician or nurse practitioner at a facility that

has knowledge of the nature and processes of medical assistance in dying or will make contact through Nova Scotia Health MAID Access and Resource Team, toll free at 1-833-903-6243.

- See Appendix A- MAID Flow Chart.

Villa St. Joseph du Lac Process Flowchart:

This flowchart will assist in guiding the process when there is a request for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID).



