

2015 CMA General Council
Strategic Questions and Issues for Discussion
Strategic Session 2 - Principles-based approach to assisted dying in Canada
(Tuesday 25 August 2015 – 9 to 10:30 am)

General Council's Strategic Session 2 on the *Principles-based approach to assisted dying in Canada* will be held in the committee of the whole format enabling General Council to provide input on the proposed regulatory framework that will guide the CMA in its advocacy for physician-assisted dying.

In October 2014, the Supreme Court of Canada heard the Carter case and released its decision on February 6, 2015. The laws currently prohibiting physician assisted dying and/or euthanasia were declared unconstitutional and suspended for twelve months. The CMA is prepared to play an active role in shaping subsequent legislative and regulatory activities at the federal and provincial levels.

Delegates are asked to refer to the background information document entitled *Principles-based approach to assisted dying in Canada* provided in Appendix 2 to the *2015 Reports to General Council*.

PURPOSE: A strategic session in committee of the whole format will be held to gain insight and feedback from General Council delegates on a proposed framework and will guide the CMA in its advocacy and other initiatives on physicians assisted dying. Through moderated discussion delegates and members will define and shape the proposed regulatory framework for assisted dying in Canada.

STRATEGIC QUESTIONS: With reference to the nine principles and strategic questions outlined in Appendix 2 to the 2015 Reports to General Council, delegates are asked to consider the following for discussion during the Strategic Session 2, Principles-based approach to assisted dying in Canada.

1. Are the elements contained in the proposed draft framework the correct ones?
 - a. If not, which ones should be discarded?
 - b. Are there elements which should be added?

2. To what extent should the CMA advocate on behalf of its members to promote the adoption of this framework by federal and provincial legislatures and regulatory bodies?