



Winnipegosis and District Health Centre,
Ste. Rose General Hospital,
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Position Statement

Ste. Rose Health Centre (Dr. Gendreau Personal Care Home and Ste. Rose Hospital)

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Responding to Inquiries and Requests for Medical Assistance in Dying

Winnipegosis and District Health Centre (WDHC) /Ste. Rose Health Centre (SRHC) are owned by the Catholic Health Corporation of Manitoba (CHCM), and are faith-based facilities.

Therefore, in a manner that is consistent with our Catholic fundamental religious principles to which WDHC/SRHC adheres, these facilities are to be considered abstaining facilities and will not be providing medical assistance in dying (MAiD) within the hospitals or personal care homes.

WDHC/SRHC is committed to the provision of excellent health care, palliative care and care of the dying that aims to relieve suffering and improve both the quality of living, and dying as the most profound and living expression of compassion and respect for the dignity of every human person. WDHC/SRHC will ensure to engage with the client/resident and their family to explore if any new goals of care are required or in need of change in an effort to ensure symptom management is maximized. We will also continue to provide excellent spiritual and emotional support to a client/resident and their family, in accordance with our values and traditions.

As abstaining facilities, WDHC/SRHC will ensure timely and accurate access to information regarding MAiD to a client/resident.

As abstaining facilities, WDHC/SRHC will ensure that transfer of care from these facilities to another non-abstaining health authority facility or alternative location will occur in a safe, timely and coordinated manner for all clients/residents who have been assessed and decide to pursue MAiD. WDHC/SRHC will tolerate a third party assessment, as provided by the regional MAiD team, to take place in whole or in part at WDHC/SRHC, as approved by the Executive Director.

A resident/client may not be able to access MAiD if the individual is too ill or frail or refuses to be transferred to a non-abstaining facility or alternative location.