

Third International Conference on End of Life Law, Ethics, Policy, and Practice

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Thursday 7 March, 2019

08.30-09.00 Registration & Welcome Coffee
Entrance Hall & Kapittelzaal

Opening

09.00-09.10 Welcome by the Chair of the Scientific Committee - Kenneth Chambaere (BE)
Refter (Plenary Hall)

09.10-09.30 Introduction by an external speaker (TBC)

Plenary 1: Latest developments in assisted dying around the world

09.30-10.00 Developments in European countries - Agnes van der Heide (NL)

10.00-10.30 Recent developments and the future of MAiD in Canada - Jocelyn Downie (CAN)

10.30-11.00 A review of developments in Australia - Lindy Willmott (AUS)

11.00-11.15 Comfort Break

11.15-12.00 Global Panel

12.00-13.00 Lunch
Kapittelzaal

Parallel Sessions 1

13.00-14.30	<i>Refter (Plenary Hall)</i>	<i>Zaal Rector Vermeylen</i>	<i>Oude Infirmierie</i>	<i>Priorzaal</i>
	<p>MAiD in Canada - 2 years of experience Green-Wiebe-Gokool-Daws (CAN)</p>	<p>ASSISTED DYING & IDEOLOGY</p> <p>Euthanasia embedded in palliative care? - Bernheim (BE)</p> <p>‘Pillarization’ as/and biopolitics. Institutional shaping of the requests for euthanasia in Belgium: a sociological approach - Hamarat (BE)</p> <p>What do we know about the attitudes of Australian doctors to legalised assisted dying? - Rutherford (AUS)</p> <p>Euthanasia in Italy: A battle between religion and secularism - Agterberg (IT)</p>	<p>CAPACITY</p> <p>Cognitive Distortions and Capacity in MAID Requests where Mental Illness is Present - Dembo (CAN)</p> <p>Executive dysfunction and capacity for medical decision-making in MAID Requests - Thorpe (CAN)</p> <p>Rights! Freedom! Autonomy! Capacity? - Saul (AUS)</p> <p>A new law in Taiwan: the convergence of legal capacity and mental capacity in Patient Autonomy Act - Hsieh (TWN)</p>	<p>VOLUNTARY STOPPING EATING & DRINKING</p> <p>Bioethical and legal dilemmas on hunger strike in prison settings - Ciruzzi (ARG)</p> <p>Is Voluntary Stopping Eating and Drinking a Form of Suicide? - McGee (AUS)</p> <p>VSED for Advanced Dementia Patients in the US - Rivas (USA)</p>
14.30-15.00	<p>Coffee Break <i>Kapittelzaal</i></p>			

Parallel Sessions 2

15.00-16.30	<i>Refter (Plenary Hall)</i>	<i>Zaal Rector Vermeylen</i>	<i>Oude Infirmierie</i>	<i>Priorzaal</i>
	ROLE OF PROFESSIONALS IN ASSISTED DYING	ASSISTED DYING: DEVELOPMENTS IN BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS	PROMOTION OF ADVANCE CARE PLANNING	ACCESS TO ASSISTED DYING
	Making Sense of Medical Aid in Dying: how physicians in Québec (Canada) experience MAiD in relation to the ordinary practice of medicine - Blouin (CAN)	Slippery slope in the Netherlands? - De Vito (NL)	Transforming Advance Care Planning Australia, a collaborative national effort - Nolte (AUS)	Assisted dying laws in Victoria: Restricting discussions about end of life options - Willmott (AUS)
	The physician's role in medical aid-in-dying: perspectives from Vermont - Buchbinder (USA)	Study on denied requests for euthanasia submitted at the End-of-Life Clinic - Van den Ende (NL)	Advance directives: What does a campaign of loco-regional public debates reveal of citizens' perception of them? - Pierre (FR)	The Waxing and Waning of the Informed Consent Principle in the Law Governing End of Life Decision-making in Canada - McMorrow (CAN)
	Clinicians' perspectives, and willingness to participate in voluntary assisted dying in Victoria, Australia - Detering (AUS)	Factors associated with requesting and receiving euthanasia: A nationwide mortality follow-back study with a focus on psychiatric disorders, dementia and an accumulation of health problems related to old age - Evenblij (NL)	The cost-effectiveness of advance care planning for older adults with end-stage kidney disease - Sellars (AUS)	Deployment of 'the dying': Voluntary assisted dying in the Australian state of Victoria - Hempton (AUS)
	Health Care Professionals' Perspectives on Medical Assistance in Dying - Fast (CAN)	Euthanasia in Belgium: Shortcomings of the law and its application and of the monitoring of practice - Sterckx (BE)		Representing the collective voice of the newly emerging MAiD community in Canada - Brittain (CAN)

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break
Kapittelzaal

Plenary 2: Conscientious objection

17.00-17.30 Conscientious objection by physicians/health care professionals - Daphne Gilbert (CAN)

17.30-18.00 Conscientious objection by institutions - Sylvie Tack (BE)

18.00-... Reception at **Ghent Town Hall**
Stadhuis Gent, Botermarkt 1, 9000 Ghent



Friday 8 March, 2019

08.30-09.00 Welcome Coffee
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Parallel Sessions 3

09.00-10.30	<p><i>Refter (Plenary Hall)</i></p> <p>From legislative provisions on End of Life to application on clinical grounds: Which ethical challenges? A European – French, German, Italian – comparative perspective Fournier (FR) - Neitzke (GER) - Pegoraro (IT)</p>	<p><i>Zaal Rector Vermeylen</i></p> <p>VIEWS ON END-OF-LIFE TREATMENT</p> <p>Staff Positions on End-Of-Life Treatment in patients with incurable diseases - Gabison (ISR)</p> <p>Non-beneficial treatment at the end of life in a palliative care population with cancer: a systematic review of reasons - Moors (NL)</p> <p>What do people with life-limiting illness considering euthanasia/assisted dying think about treatments at the end-of-life? - Young (NZ)</p>	<p><i>Oude Infirmerie</i></p> <p>ADVANCE DIRECTIVES</p> <p>Legal and ethical challenges of new media in advance directives - Chan (UK)</p> <p>Doctors' perspectives on adhering to advance care directives when making medical decisions for patients with chronic disease: an interview study in a Melbourne metropolitan hospital - Detering (AUS)</p> <p>Prevalence of advance care directives among older Australians accessing health and residential aged care services: multi-centre audit study - Nolte (AUS)</p>	<p><i>Priorzaal</i></p> <p>ASSISTED DYING IN PSYCHIATRY</p> <p>When Unbearable Suffering Incites Psychiatric Patients to Request Euthanasia: a Qualitative Study - Verhofstadt (BE)</p> <p>Public and physicians' support for euthanasia in people suffering from psychiatric disorders: A cross-sectional survey study - Evenblij (NL)</p> <p>Perspectives from mental health professionals in Saskatchewan, Canada about the potential expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying to patients with mental illness - MacPherson (CAN)</p>
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	Medical Futility Dispute Resolution Options in the United States: Law & Ethics Fundamentals - Pope (USA)	The association between knowledge of end-of-life options and attitudes and behaviors regarding advance directives in Switzerland: Evidence from a National Population-based Study - Vilpert (SWI)	
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10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
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Plenary 3: Treatment withdrawal at the end of life

11.00-11.30 UK Law on Agreement Treatment Withdrawal - Celia Kitzinger (UK)

11.30-12.00 VSED Divulged: Legal, Ethical, and Clinical Status of the Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking Exit Option - Thaddeus Pope (USA)

12.00-13.00 Lunch
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Parallel Sessions 4

13.00-14.30	<i>Refter (Plenary Hall)</i>	<i>Zaal Rector Vermeylen</i>	<i>Oude Infirmerie</i>	<i>Priorzaal</i>
	PALLIATIVE SEDATION	ASSISTED SUICIDE VS SUICIDE	END OF LIFE ISSUES IN DEMENTIA	ASSISTED DYING IN PSYCHIATRY
	Palliative sedation at the end of life: state-of-the art, challenges and opportunities for improvement - Robijn (BE)	Understanding the concept of suicide in an age of assisted dying (a global issue through the lens of Canadian experience) - Downie (CAN)	Termination of life based on a written request: what do the Regional Review Committees say? - De Vito (NL)	Primum non nocere: medical liability in end-of-life scenarios - Raposo (CHN)

Deep and continuous sedation until death : A first national retrospective survey in France - Bretonnière (FR)	Suicide prevention in an age of medical assistance in dying: a Canadian perspective - Gupta (CAN)	Views on assisted dying for people with dementia: a Netnographic approach - Dekhoda (NZ)	Dying on an emergency department and the decisions at the end-of-life - Vermeir (BE)
Development of an information leaflet for palliative sedation - Spichiger (SWI)	Suicide or not suicide: how people involved in conversations about assisted suicide distinguish assisted suicide from suicide in Switzerland - Blouin (CAN)	Perspectives of people with dementia and carers on advance care planning and end-of-life care: A systematic review and thematic synthesis of qualitative studies - Sellars (AUS)	Access to Home Palliative Care: pilot project in Portugal - Da Ponte (POR)
		Moral Distress and Autonomy at the End of Life - Davis (USA)	Knowledge and attitude to end of life choices including medical assistance in dying (MAiD) in marginalized indigenous and non-indigenous people in Canada - Wiebe (CAN)

14.30-15.00 Coffee Break
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Plenary 4: Pressure points in end-of-life debates

15.00-15:30 Dementia, capacity and advance directives (TBC)

15.30-16.00 Palliative sedation as an alternative to assistance in dying? - James Downar (CAN)

Parallel Sessions 5

16.00-17.30	<p><i>Refter (Plenary Hall)</i></p> <p>WITHHOLDING & WITHDRAWING TREATMENT</p> <p>Withdrawing and withholding treatment in a post-best interests world - Cameron (AUS)</p> <p>Medical futility at the end-of-life: an Australian policy analysis - Close (AUS)</p> <p>To eat or to die: a crucial dilemma in Elderly - Fournier (FR)</p> <p>The Vincent Lambert case: An illustration of the limits of an EoL law to resolve all ethical clinical issues - Berthiau (FR)</p>	<p><i>Zaal Rector Vermeylen</i></p> <p>Issues of Overlap between "Suicide" and "Physician Aid in Dying" Battin M (USA)</p>	<p><i>Oude Infirmerie</i></p> <p>STATISTICS FOR ASSISTED DYING</p> <p>Completion of medical certificates of death after an assisted death: An environmental scan of practices - Brown (CAN)</p> <p>An Analysis of Euthanasia Statistics in Various Countries - Tanaka (JPN)</p> <p>Drugs used for euthanasia: A repeated Population-Based Mortality Follow-Back Study in Flanders, Belgium - Dierickx (BE)</p> <p>Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada: An assessment of the evidence with respect to advance requests, mature minors, and where a mental disorder is the sole underlying medical condition - Meslin (CAN)</p>	<p><i>Priorzaal</i></p> <p>DEFINING DEATH</p> <p>Consensus, controversies and dilemmas concerning the definition of death in the USA - Levin (USA)</p> <p>Brain Death and the Law: Hard Cases and Legal Challenges - Pope (USA)</p> <p>Changing the Definition of Death - McGee (AUS)</p> <p>Final death - Towers (USA)</p>
18.30-...	<p>Congress Dinner at Ghent City Museum <i>STAM, Godshuizenlaan 2, 9000 Ghent</i></p>			

Saturday 9 March, 2019

08:30-09.00 Welcome Coffee
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Parallel Sessions 6

09.00-10.30	<i>Refter (Plenary Hall)</i>	<i>Zaal Rector Vermeylen</i>	<i>Oude Infirmerie</i>	<i>Priorzaal</i>
	IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSISTED DYING	NEONATES & MINORS	ASSISTED DYING FROM A RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE	POLICY DEVELOPMENT
	Developing a medical assistance in dying curriculum in specialty residency training programs - Macdonald (CAN)	Neonatologists' and neonatal nurses' attitudes towards perinatal end-of-life decisions - Dombrecht (BE)	A re-examination of the compatibility of the English blanket ban on assisted suicide with the prohibition on ill-treatment in article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights - Martin (UK)	Policy development in contested spaces: drivers of change and evidence based policy - Cameron (AUS)
	Impact of a Unique Canadian approach to Medical Assistance in Dying by Nurse Practitioners in the patient's home environment - Pelletier (CAN)	Every single day we resuscitate her... what are we doing, where are we going? Modifiable factors for improving end-of-life decision making for neonatologists, nurses, and parents in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Piette (BE)	The semantics of the 'right to assisted dying' - McCann (UK)	The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017: the role of the public service in significant government reform - Kearney (AUS)
	Psychiatric Patients Requesting Euthanasia: Initiatives for Sound Clinical and Ethical	Age Distinction in Canada's Bill C-14: Necessary or Discriminatory? - Morrison (CAN)	Legal change on assisted dying revisited - Lewis (UK)	Restricted palliative care - Ciurlionis (LIT)

<p>Decision Making - Verhofstadt (BE) A regulatory analysis of Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying Regime - White & Del Villar (AUS)</p>	<p>The fraught notion of a good death for children: Can a child ever really 'die well'? - Moore (USA) +++ Minors & MAiD: Canadian Law Reform Process & Debate (Constance MacIntosh) Minors & MAiD: Canadian Law Reform Process & Debate - MacIntosh (CAN)</p>	<p>Right-to-Die Society in Belgium: history & future - Van Hoey (BE)</p>	<p>Guidelines-based regulation on end-of-life care decisions in Japan - Iwata (JPN)</p>
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10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
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Plenary 5: The long-term view on end-of-life practice

11.00-11.30 Ethical reflection on what has passed: predictions for the future - Freddy Mortier (BE)

11.30-12.15 Global Panel

Closing

12.15-12.30 Closing by Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee - Luc Deliens (BE)

12.30-13.30 Lunch
Kapittelzaal