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Dr. ...

When a patient is suffering from a terminal illness and requests help to end their suffering, the physician is faced with a complex ethical dilemma. It is important for the physician to consider the patient’s wishes, the family’s perspectives, and the potential outcomes before making a decision. The decision should be made in consultation with the patient’s family and other healthcare professionals.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) urges the government to consider the following recommendations to provide guidance on the issue of assisted dying:

1. A clear legal framework that outlines the conditions under which assisted dying is permitted.
2. Access to palliative care services that are tailored to the needs of individual patients.
3. Support for families and caregivers who are caring for terminally ill patients.
4. Ensuring that the process is transparent and accountable to the public.

In conclusion, the CMA believes that the government should take a compassionate and thoughtful approach to the issue of assisted dying. It is crucial for the government to ensure that patients have access to adequate palliative care services and that the decision to end one’s life is made with the utmost care and consideration.

Sincerely,

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