Physicians must not delay or impede access to medical assistance in dying [1]

At the request of the provincial health authorities’ medical assistance in dying (MAiD) care coordination services, the College is reminding registrants that while they have the right to decide whether or not to perform or be involved in MAiD in any capacity, patients have the right to make decisions about their autonomy, and to have access to unbiased, timely and accurate information about relevant and available treatment and services.

Registrants who choose not to be involved in MAiD should direct patients to health authority care coordinators who can arrange for assessments from other registrants with experience. Similarly, completed patient request forms must be transferred in a timely manner to the appropriate care coordinator. Physicians must not delay or impede access to patients seeking additional information about MAiD, or to care coordinators attempting to assist patients. Intentional delays in responding to or releasing information about a patient to care coordinators may be deemed unprofessional in the event of a complaint.

Health authority MAiD care coordination services support patients and physicians:

Fraser Health – MAiD information site [2]
mccc@fraserhealth.ca [3]
1-604-587-7878

Interior Health – MAiD information site [4]