

SYMPOSIUM

Research related to medical assistance in dying (MAiD) for persons living with mental illness

October 27th from 1:00-3:00 pm

Zoom: <https://chusj.zoom.us/j/84376711272> Password: 567315

Bill C-7 proposes to expand access to assisted dying in Canada to individuals who are intolerably suffering but not approaching the natural end of their lives, bringing the law into compliance with a 2019 Quebec Superior Court ruling. As originally drafted, people suffering solely from mental illnesses are excluded from access to medically assisted dying. However, objections to this exclusion have led to an independent review of Bill C-7, and a call for guidance and safeguards relevant to people living with mental illness.

The FRQS **Quebec Network on Suicide, Mood Disorders and Related Conditions (RQSHA)**, in partnership with the **Pragmatic Health Ethics Research Unit** and **The Montreal Health Ethics Conference Series** will host a knowledge exchange event focusing on current knowledge on the legal, ethical, psychosocial and neurobiological findings relevant to the debate on medical assistance in dying for people living with mental illness.

PROGRAM

1. Ethical and legal issues related to MAiD in persons living with mental illness

Presenter: Mona Gupta, MD PhD FRCPC (University of Montreal)

Panelists: Eric Racine, PhD (Pragmatic Health Ethics Research Unit)
Jennifer Chandler, PhD (Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa)

2. Impact of Mental Disorders on Decision-Making Capacity

Presenter: Paul Appelbaum, MD (Columbia University)

Panelists: Ridha Joober, MD PHD (Douglas Institute, McGill University)
Naguib Mechawar, PhD (Douglas Institute, McGill University)

3. Social inequities in mental health care and mental health outcomes

Presenter: Timothy Christie, PhD (Horizon Health Network)

Panelists: Laurence Kirmayer, MD FRCPC FCAHS FRSC (McGill University)
Myrna Lashley, PhD (McGill University)

4. Relevant and promising intervention strategies, practices and safeguards

Presenter: Jocelyn Downie, SJD FRSC FCAHS (Dalhousie University)

Panelists: Paul Lespérance, MD MSc FRCP (Université de Montréal)
Patricia Conrod, PhD (Université de Montréal)



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