

Session Handout

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Title of presentation : The Supreme Court of Canada's recent Carter Case: How Does it Affect our Palliative Care Practice? / La décision Carter de la Cour Suprême du Canada : quel impact pour notre pratique en soins palliatifs ?

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Outline of presentation

The Supreme Court of Canada's Carter decision was released in February 2015. In this landmark case, the Supreme Court has changed an important face of Canadian law and history by ruling that physician-assisted death should be available to Canadian citizens under certain strict conditions.

The Court has ordered the Federal and Provincial governments to adopt new legislation in which an elaborated system of criteria and safeguards will be put into place to regulate the details of physician-assisted death. As required by the Court, the new legislation should be in force by February 16th, 2016.

The first part of the presentation aims to explain the fascinating law and history behind the Carter case with a short historical review dating from 1993 (Rodriguez case) to the present. We will also quickly explore how other countries are experiencing physician-assisted death. The second part will aim to explain what the Court requires in terms of boundaries, eligibility criteria, safeguards and physician privileges around physician-assisted death. Finally, the last part will discuss how these major changes in Canadian end-of-life policy will (or won't?) change our everyday palliative care practice.

The session will be presented on an interactive Prezi support. There will be plenty of time to discuss, argue and answer as many questions as possible. The audience will be asked to participate as much as possible.

Bibliography will be available online on the day of presentation