

International Conference on Assisted Dying and Other End of Life Care (ICEL5) Provisional Program – Subject to change

Tuesday 7th April		
1.00-3.00pm	Pre-conference program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open meeting for the International Observatory on Assisted Dying. More information and an invitation to RSVP will be sent via email. 	Z-301-302
Wednesday 8th April		
3.00-5.00pm	Registration opens	Z block foyer
3.00-4.00 <i>60 min</i>	Pre-conference program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JAINeOL (Junior Academics International Network on End of Life) session (informal ECR networking for JAINeOL members) This session will be run by Dr. Iris Parra Jounou and it is open to JAINeOL members, early careers interested in joining, and senior members who want to collaborate in some way as JAINeOL friends. 	Z-301-302
5.00-5.10 <i>10 min</i>	Welcome from the organisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madeleine Archer, Australian Centre for Health Law Research, ICEL5 Co-Chair 	Z-411
5.10-6.25 <i>75 min</i>	Opening Plenary and Australian Centre for Health Law Research Annual Public Oration The Past, Present and Future of Assisted Dying: A Long-Term Evolutionary Lens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenneth Chambaere 	Z-411
6.25-6.35	Move from Z block to P block	
6.35-8.00 <i>85 min</i>	Welcome Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional Indigenous Cultural Welcoming Dance - Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dance Company 	The Cube, P Block
End of Day 1 8pm		

Thursday 9 th April						
7.30am-8.30	Registration, tea and coffee					Z block foyer
8.30-8.45 <i>15 min</i>	Welcome to delegates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Paula McDonald, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research), QUT 					Z-411
8.45-8:55 <i>10 min</i>	Welcome to Country address					Z-411
8.55-10.10 <i>75 min</i>	Plenary Dementia and Assisted Dying: International Perspectives on Advance Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marie-Ève Bouthillier Cornella Visser-Mol 					Z-411
10.10-10.40 <i>30 min</i>	Morning tea					Z block foyer
10.45-11.45 <i>60 min</i>	<i>Concurrent / Parallel Session</i>					
	System data and evaluations	Examining eligibility thresholds	Impact on clinicians	Loss of capacity in the context of assisted dying	Centring patients' and families' experiences	Approaches to nutrition, treatment provision and withdrawal
10.45-11.05	1. Factors of MAiD outcomes: An Empirical Study based in Spain – María Belmonte-Herrera and Nerea Molina	2. Defining, contextualizing, challenging 'terminality' in the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – Nataly Papadopoulou	3. Impact of Voluntary Assisted Dying on health professionals: A systematic review – Helen Haydon	4. Advance Request for Medical Aid in Dying in Quebec/Canada: A comparative Legal Analysis – Michelle Giroux and Louise Bernier	5. Grieving the Chosen Death: A Synthesised Grief Framework for Assisted Dying – Aida Dehkhoda	6. "He Wouldn't Want This": Minimal Comfort Feeding for Patients with Advanced Dementia – Hope Weckin and Thaddeus Pope
11.05-11.25	7. The State of empirical	8. Should Minors be Able to	9. Moral Distress in End-of-Life Decision-Making;	10. Amendments to Australian model VAD laws to permit	11. 'A different type of death'. Māori	12. Hospice and Palliative Care Social Workers'

	Research on Assisted Dying: A scoping Review and Evidence Map – Sean Riley	Access VAD – Tobias Cantoni	Lessons to be Learned from Veterinary Medicine for Human Practice – Tessa Holzman	access despite loss of capacity – Stephen Walker	bereavement experiences following an assisted death – Tess Moeke-Maxwell	Perspectives on Minimal Comfort Feeding in Advanced Dementia – Meredith Levine
11.25-11.45	13. State of Voluntary Assisted Dying: An Australian snapshot – Linda Swan	14. Could a Person with Severe and Enduring Anorexia Nervosa Access Voluntary Assisted Dying in Australia? – Ethan Green and Katrine Del Villar	15. Ethical Dilemmas in the Supply of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Substance – A Pharmacist’s Experience – Catherine Li	16. The Vanishing Voice: Loss of Capacity Mid-Process in Voluntary Assisted Dying -A Case Series – Richard Arnold	17. Relatives' needs in terms of bereavement care throughout euthanasia processes: A qualitative study – Charlotte Boven	18. Self-directed dying by voluntary stopping eating and drinking: an interview study with confidants – Agnes van der Heide
11.45-11.55 <i>10 min</i>	Short break/room transition					
11.55-12.55 <i>60 min</i>	<i>Concurrent / Parallel Session</i>					
	<i>Continued: System data and evaluations</i>	<i>Continued: Examining eligibility thresholds</i>	<i>Continued: Impact on clinicians</i>	<i>Continued: Loss of capacity in the context of assisted dying</i>	Administration methods and data	<i>Continued: Approaches to nutrition, treatment provision and withdrawal</i>

11.55-12.15	19. What does an Equitable Assisted Dying Service Look Like? – Jessica Young	20. Uncertain Thresholds: Exploring Psychiatric and Oncology perspectives on Irremediability and Suffering in Canadian MAiD Practice – Parizad Varghaei	21. Insights into patient interest for Voluntary Assisted Dying: a metropolitan health service audit – Jordan Lai and Oliver Zhang	22. Challenges of drafting an advance request for MAiD in Quebec: A multi-perspective qualitative descriptive study – Marie-Ève Bouthillier	23. When choice meets system design: is euthanasia becoming the default in global assisted dying? – Paola Sillitti	24. Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatment in Sri Lanka: A Critical Appraisal of Criminal Law and Comparative Perspectives – Udani Wijayarathna
12.15-12.35	25. Establishing a Framework for ethical and impactful research on VAD in South Australia – Melanie Turner and Helen Walker	26. Medical aid in dying in the US federal system and requirements for residency – Leslie Francis	27. Exploring Assisted Dying service experiences of Nurse Practitioners and Medical Practitioners in Aotearoa New Zealand – Heather Bustin	28. Panel presentation - Loss of decision-making capacity and the future of voluntary assisted dying. An Interactive workshop – Jennifer Harland and Hannah Gissane	29. An international exploration of best practice for patient decision-making on assisted dying methods and administration – Amanda Silla	30. Nurse-Led End-of-Life Care During Ventilator Withdrawal in the Oncology Ward: A Case Report – Yu-Hsin Yang
12.35-12.55	31. Monitoring MAiD in Spain: Insights from the 2024 Annual National Report – Nerea Molina and María Belmonte-Herrera		32. Identifying Strategies to Sustain the Medical Voluntary Assisted Dying Workforce in Victoria – Kristen Kappel		33. Voluntary Assisted Dying in Western Australia – administration data from the first four years – Tanya Burgess and Helen James	
1.00-2.10 <i>70 min</i>	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Her Last Project: Film Screening and Q&A – Kim Wiebe and Ken Lotherington (167) – 55 min duration. Room TBC. 					Z block foyer
2.10-3.30	Plenary Updates from Recently Legalised and Legalising Jurisdictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nancy Preston 					Z-411

80 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Rodríguez-Arias • Bettina Weisser • Jessica Young 					
3.30-3.55 25 min	Afternoon tea					Z block foyer
4.00-5.00 60 min	<i>Concurrent / Parallel Session</i>					
	Insights from clinical practice	First Nations perspectives	Assisted dying in the context of dementia	Institutional participation	End-of-life decision-making	
4.00-4.20	34. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Prognostication in Voluntary Assisted Dying: A Case Series and Practitioner Perspectives – Wayne Stevens	35. Voluntary assisted dying: challenges in Northern Territory remote Aboriginal communities – Geetanjali Lamba	36. A mixed methods study of the meaning of assisted dying to Australians living with dementia – Adrienne Matthys	37. Legal Regulation of Institutional Objections to Voluntary Assisted Dying: An International Comparative Analysis – Katrine Del Villar and Eliana Close	38. Is continuous deep sedation perceived as morally distinct from MAiD? Folks' views, and confounding factors – David Rodríguez-Arias and María Belmonte Herrera	
4.20-4.40	39. How Long is Too Long? A case of Prolonged Time to VAD Death – Carly Kippist	40. Whose Law Governs Dying? Indigenous jurisdiction and settler-state regulation in VAD-Australia, Aotearoa, Canada & USA – Jessica Setefano	41. "It's Incredibly Complex": U.S. Healthcare Professionals' Perceptions about MAiD in Persons with Dementia Policy – Kara Dassel	42. Panel presentation - Operating a VAD-responsive program as part of palliative care in a faith—based organisation – Mark Boughey, Caroline Scott and Morgan Sterley	43. End-of-life decisions: attitudes of people with advanced illness in 11 countries (the iLIVE project) – Agnes van der Heide	
4.40-5.00	44. Holding the conversation open: Clinician hesitation, system gaps, and end-of-life dialogue in a VAD context – Rebecca Disler	45. Waerea: Māori whānau experiences of assisted dying in Aotearoa New Zealand – Tess Moeke-Maxwell	46. Voluntary Assisted Dying for Dementia in Australia: Perspectives of People Living with Dementia and Carers – Casey Haining		47. Defining what matters most: <u>Delphi</u> -based development of a core outcome set for palliative sedation – Indra Albrecht	
End of Day 2 sessions 5pm						
6.00-8:30pm	Go Gentle Drinks & Networking Event – Queensland premiere of <i>The Power of Choice</i> photographic exhibition capturing the hope, struggle, courage and acceptance at the heart of voluntary assisted dying, held at Brisbane Powerhouse.					

Friday 10 th April						
7.30am-8.30	Registration, tea and coffee					Z block foyer
8.30-8.40 <i>10 min</i>	Conference reflections and update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindy Willmott, Australian Centre for Health Law Research, QUT 					Z-411
8.40-9.40 <i>60 min</i>	Plenary Keeping Watch: Reflections on oversight and monitoring of assisted dying from the shores of Australia and Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jocelyn Downie Ben White 					Z-411
9.40-9.55 <i>15 min</i>	Transition time to concurrent sessions					
9.55-11.15 <i>80 min</i>	<i>Concurrent / Parallel Session</i>					
	Assisted dying, law, and the justice system	Determination of death and associated issues	Assisted dying in the context of dementia and completed life	Centring patients' and families' experiences	Assisted dying implementation and workforce in Australia and New Zealand	Psychedelics and end-of-life care
9.55-10.15	48. Protections from criminal, civil and conduct liability in respect of assisted dying in Australian jurisdictions – Tina Cockburn and Bill Madden	49. What Is the True Death of a Human Being? – Jason Eberl	50. The complexity Voluntary Assisted Dying and dementia – Kylie Ladd	51. "To stop the war inside of me": insights from assisted suicide decision making – Claudia Gamondi	52. Exploring the voluntary assisted dying medical authorised practitioner workforce in Queensland, Australia – Liz Reymond	53. Panel presentation - A World-First: Transforming Mental Health Treatment and End of Life Care with Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies – Justine Topfer and Kathryn Tucker
10.15-10.35	54. Assisted Dying in Detention in the Netherlands: Legal	55. Panel presentation - Organ donation after Voluntary Assisted	56. Vulnerability versus Autonomy: Voluntary Assisted Dying and	57. "Why Is My Suffering Unbearable?"	58. While the Whole World Was Watching: Missed Opportunities in	

	Framework, Practice, and Ethical Dilemmas - Liselotte Postma	Dying (VAD) – Dale Gardiner, Andrew McGee, Melanie Jansen and John Lizza	Dementia – Amanda Gray	Patients’ Perspectives on Assisted Dying in Spain and Switzerland – Iris Parra Jounou and Mar Vallès-Poch	Assisted Dying Implementation – Rosalie McLauda	
10.35-10.55	59. Human Rights and Deaths in Custody. Case Study Revealing Inequities for Incarcerated Persons Accessing VAD – Nicole Mangone and Kate Lupton		60. Competed Life: Dying as a Transformative Experience – Stephen Clarke and Tessa Holzman	61. Whānau and assisted dying: A qualitative study of family experiences in Aotearoa New Zealand – Manu Pelayo	62. Voluntary Assisted Dying and General Practice: preferences for education and perceptions in Queensland – Enna Stroil-Salama and Liz Reymond	63. Psychedelics and End-of-Life Care: Science, Legality and Chaplaincy Pathways – Leanna Standish and Dona Chiechi Elam
10.55-11.15			64. Tiredness of life in older persons: a conceptual description through a multidisciplinary lens – Kenneth Chambaere	65. When MAiD is refused: findings of a descriptive-interpretive qualitative study – Marie-Eve Bouthillier	66. Understanding enablers and barriers to practitioner participation in voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia – Sara Heinamaa	67. New Palliative Care Tool on Horizon: Psychedelic Assisted Therapy – Kathryn Tucker
11.15-11.45 <i>30 min</i>	Morning tea					Z block foyer
11.45-1.05 <i>80 min</i>	<i>Concurrent / Parallel Session</i>					
	Comparing assisted dying frameworks	Reconceptualising assisted dying	Advance care planning	Centring patients’ and families’ experiences	End-of-life literacy and training	Assisted dying, suicide, and the desire to die
11.45-12.05	68. “Death with Dignity” in the U.S. – and in Germany – Bettina Weisser	69. Demedicalizing MAiD: Reframing Autonomy and Accountability in Assisted Dying – Amirala Pasha and Richard Silbert	70. Timely Advance Care and Resuscitation Planning in High-Complexity Hospital Inpatients – Rajesh Gupta	71. What about the family? Content analysis of international legislative frameworks and	72. Community knowledge and attitudes toward voluntary assisted dying in Queensland, Australia – Rachel Feeney	73. Panel presentation - “Navigating the Nuance: Differentiating MAiD Requests from Suicidal Expressions in Mental Illness Contexts”

				guidelines on assisted dying – Charlotte Boven		– Ali Ladak and Saumil Dholakia
12.05-12.25	74. Medical Assistance in Dying in Quebec/Canada: A Comparative Legal Analysis – Michelle Giroux	75. Why Administration of Lethal Drugs should not be the Role of the Doctor – Sally Barker	76. Card-carrying advance care planning: Incorporating driver's license renewal into discussions on advance care planning – Oliver Kim	77. Embedding the Consumer Voice in Voluntary Assisted Dying: A CFIR-Guided Qualitative Study from Victorian Patients – Geetanjali Lamba	78. Health literacy, end-of-life health literacy and assisted suicide: attitudes in older adults – Clément Meier	
12.25-12.45	79. Challenges of Legalizing Voluntary Assisted Dying in East Asia: A Comparative Analysis – Yukio Sakurai	Psychosocial aspects of assisted dying and EOL care 83. The Role of Social Work in VAD – Catherine Stockil		80. VAD's impact on grief and bereavement: insights from families' and carers' lived experiences – Jane Nosworthy and Kerrie Arthur	81. Online training to improve Queensland healthcare workers' knowledge of voluntary assisted dying: a cross-sectional survey – Katherine Waller	82. The MAiD/non-assisted suicide relationship: a new, integrated model proposal for conceptualisation and experimental analysis – Neil Francis
12.45-1.05	84. Reforming Assisted Dying Laws in Sri Lanka: Comparative Insights from Australia and New Zealand – Sanath Wijesinghe and Upeka Silva	85. End-of-Life Decision-Making: Rethinking Ethical Paradigms Through a Multi-Phasic Lens – Ehsan Shamsi Gooshki		86. Understanding and Managing Grief Associated with Assisted Dying in Regional Area – Melissa Carey	87. Specialised Training and Support for Pharmacists in Queensland's Voluntary Assisted Dying Service – Elisha Cole	
1.05-2.05 60 min	Lunch					Z block foyer
2.05-3.35 90 min	Plenary Global Reflections on Local Issues in Assisted Dying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliana Close • Luis Espericueta • Iris Parra Jounou • Clement Meier • Katherine Waller 					Z-411

3.35-4.00 25 min	Afternoon tea						Z block foyer
4.00-5.00 60 min	Concurrent / Parallel Session						
	Assisted dying oversight	Assisted dying in the context of neurodegenerative disorders	Participation in assisted dying	Assisted dying and organ donation	Conscientious objection	Nurses' involvement in and perspectives	
4.00-4.20	88. The Bureaucratization of MAiD Oversight: Lessons from Tuscany's Third-Party Prior Authorization Model – Sean Riley	89. Panel presentation - Medical, ethical and legal issues in voluntary assisted dying for neurodegenerative disorders –Christian Gericke, Madeleine Archer, Katherine Tan and Merrilee Needham	90. 'Not a pretty picture' - VAD information and access in Australian residential aged care – Frankie Bennett	91. From Choice to Legacy – Integrating Organ Donation into Voluntary Assisted Dying Pathways – Wade Stedman	92. Regulating conscientious objection: the divergent approaches in Assisted Dying and Abortion Law in New Zealand – Jeanne Snelling	93. Nurse Practitioners and Voluntary Assisted Dying: ACT leading the way in multidisciplinary authorised practitioner workforce – Kate Reed	
4.20-4.40	94. Reforming MAiD Oversight in Canada: Bridging Ethical Gaps With Global Policy Lessons – Saumil Dholakia		95. Building Moral Community in an Age of Polarization: Reconciling Rights of Conscience in Healthcare – Andrea Frolic	96. Advising Voluntary Assisted Dying Patients about Organ Donation: Ethical and Practical Considerations – Fabian Jaramillo, Leo Nunnink and Wade Stedman	97. Conscientious objection: Ensuring patient centrality – Charles Douglas and Kellie Goldsworthy	98. Nurses' Willingness to Participate in Voluntary Assisted Dying in Australia: A Qualitative Descriptive Study – Jayne Hewitt	
4.40-5.00	99. Checks and Balances on VAD and MAiD: The Important Role of Coroners and Review Boards – Ian Freckelton		100. Attitudes Towards and Participation in Voluntary Assisted Dying: A Pilot Study of Queensland Hospices – Katrine Del Villar	101. A pathway into the unknown. Organ and tissue donation after voluntary assisted dying – Kelly Lewis	102. Towards a typology of conscientious objection in MAiD: Findings from a qualitative study in Spain – Rosana Triviño-caballero	103. Expanding Nurse Practitioner Roles in Voluntary Assisted Dying: Insights from Western Australia's Implementation Experience – Wenhong Zhao	

End of day 3 sessions 5pm	
6.30-9.30	ICEL5 Conference Dinner at Brisbane City Hall

Saturday 11 th						
7.30am-8.30	Registration, tea and coffee					Z block foyer
8:30-8:45 <i>15 min</i>	Conference update and announcement of ICEL6					Z-411
8.45-10.05 <i>80 min</i>	Concurrent / Parallel Session					
	Centring patients' and families' experiences	Reflecting on the Canadian MAiD Framework and Experience	Improving assisted dying practice and policy through collaboration	Assisted dying and end-of-life decision-making in the context of mental illness	Assisted dying and organ donation	
8.45-9.05	104. Family Members' Experiences in the Context of Track 2 MAiD in Canada – Caroline Variath	105. Consent, Capacity, and Voluntary Decision-Making in Assisted Dying Contexts: Legal Participation in the Assessment Process – Margaret Hall	106. The International Observatory on Assisted Dying: A Collaborative Platform for Research, Policy, and Practice – Paola Sillitti	107. Trends in Assisted Dying Among Patients with Psychiatric Disorders and Dementia in Belgium – Natasia Hamarat	108. Healthcare Practitioner Experiences in Organ Donation Following VAD: Insights from Early Australian Cases – Aurélie Copin	
9.05-9.25	109. Between Law and Loss: Understanding Relatives' Involvement in Austria's Assisted Suicide Process – Tamina-Laetitia Vielgrader	110. Panel presentation - Looking back and looking forward: Ten years of Medical Assistance in dying (MAiD) in Canada – Andrea Frolic, Marie-Eve Bouthillier, Jocelyn Downie and Gordon Gubbitz	111. Panel presentation - Toward a Global Consortium on MAiD: A Co-Design Workshop – David Rodríguez-Arias, Sean Riley, Claudia Gamondi and Nancy Preston	112. Panel presentation - End of life decisions in mental health care: perspectives of relatives and health care professionals – Didi Rhebergen, Radboud Marijnissen and Jojanneke Briek	113. Panel presentation - Evolution of organ donation after MAiD/VAD in Canada and Australia – Opportunities and lessons learned – Kim Wiebe	
9.25-9.45	114. Why am I doing this? Motivations and triggering factors to request MAiD – Mar					

	Vallès Poch and Iris Parra Jounou					
9.45-10.05	115.Experiences of family and loved ones supporting voluntary assisted death: A qualitative systematic literature review – Sarah White					
10.05-10.15 <i>10 min</i>	Mid-session transition break					
10.15-11.15 <i>60 min</i>	<i>Concurrent / Parallel Session</i>					
	Assisted dying and palliative care	Litigation as mechanism for law reform	Regulating assisted dying	Health professionals' perspectives	Assisted dying advocacy and system support	From the trenches – service delivery data and experiences
10.15-10.35	116.10 Lessons learned: 9 years of MAID, palliative care and the intersection of dying – Susan MacDonald	117. Panel presentation - Strategic Litigation as a Catalyst for Medical Assistance in Dying Reform: Lessons from Canada – Helen Long and Jocelyn Downie	118.Optimal Regulation of Medical Assistance in Dying: Lessons from a Canadian Case Study – Eliana Close	119.Navigating Personal Boundaries: How Physicians Manage the Influence of Their End-of-Life Preferences on Patient Care – Luc Deliens	120.Ensuring timely compassionate and legally compliant support for people's written VAD declaration – David Pieper	121.Victorian experience in providing Voluntary Assisted Dying Coordinator services in public and private healthcare systems – Eliza Armstrong
10.35-10.55	122.A Grounded Theory Ethnography Exploring Complexities, Synergies and Challenges between Assisted Dying and Palliative Care – Marjolein Matthys and Kenneth Chambaere		123.How do assisted dying regulatory models shape practice? A Belgian case study – Madeleine Archer	124.Voluntary Assisted Dying, Bereavement and Support- Health Professional Perceptions and Educational Needs- A Scoping Study – Hayley Russell	125.Supporting Reform of Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying Act – Jane Morris	126.Voluntary Assisted Dying in Western Australia 2021–2024: Uptake, Practitioner Involvement, and Service Delivery – Aaron Lapuz Alejandro

10.55-11.15	127. Bridging Gaps in MAiD Care: A Community-Based Palliative Approach for Patients with Complex Needs – Caroline Variath		128. Judicialization and Third-Party Intervention in the Spanish Aid-in-Dying System – Luis Espericueta and Iris Parra Jounou	129. Toward a better understanding of Assisted Dying Use: Experiences and Perspectives of International Professionals – Catherine Perron	130. Academy of Aid-in-Dying Medicine: Modeling a Professional Organization Dedicated to Improving Care in Assisted Deaths – Charles Blanke and Ryan Spielvogel	131. Eastern Health experience in establishing a Voluntary Assisted Dying Unit and Clinical Director role – Danielle Ferraro	
11.15-11.45 <i>30 min</i>	Morning tea						Z block foyer
11.45-12.45 <i>60 min</i>	Plenary Exploring the Relationship Between Assisted Dying and Palliative Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudia Gamondi • James Downar 						Z-411
12.45-1.00 <i>15 min</i>	Closing remarks from the organisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben White, Australian Centre for Health Law Research 						Z-411
Day 4 and ICEL5 ends 1pm							