

International Conference on Assisted Dying and Other End of Life Care (ICEL5) Program

Tuesday 7 th 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 to attendees via email. 	Z-301-302
Wednesday 8 th 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 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 Kidney lawn	
6.35-6:50	Traditional Indigenous Cultural Welcoming Dance - Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dance Company	Kidney Lawn
6.50-8.00 <i>85 min</i>	Welcome Reception	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 assisted dying 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. The Vanishing Voice: Loss of Capacity Mid-Process in Voluntary Assisted Dying - A Case Series – Richard Arnold	5. Grieving the Chosen Death: A Synthesised Grief Framework for Assisted Dying – Aida Dehkoda	6. "He Wouldn't Want This": Minimal Comfort Feeding for Patients with Advanced Dementia – Hope Wechkin and Thaddeus Pope

11.05-11.25	7. The State of empirical Research on Assisted Dying: A scoping Review and Evidence Map – Sean Riley	8. Should Minors be Able to Access VAD – Tobias Cantoni	9. Moral Distress in End-of-Life Decision-Making; Lessons to be Learned from Veterinary Medicine for Human Practice – Tessa Holzman	10. Amendments to Australian model VAD laws to permit access despite loss of capacity – Stephen Walker	11. 'A different type of death'. Māori bereavement experiences following an assisted death – Tess Moeke-Maxwell	12. Hospice and Palliative Care Social Workers' Perspectives on Minimal Comfort Feeding in Advanced Dementia – Mercedes Bern-Klug and 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. Relatives' needs in terms of bereavement care throughout euthanasia processes: A qualitative study – Charlotte Boven	17. 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>					
	Continued: System data and evaluations	Continued: Examining assisted dying eligibility thresholds	Continued: Impact on clinicians	Continued: Loss of capacity in the context of assisted dying	Administration methods and data	Continued: Approaches to nutrition, treatment provision and withdrawal
11.55-12.15	18. What does an Equitable Assisted Dying Service Look Like? – Jessica Young	19. Medical aid in dying in the US federal system and requirements for residency – Leslie Francis and John Francis	20. Insights into patient interest for Voluntary Assisted Dying: a metropolitan health service audit – Jordan Lai and Oliver Zhang	21. Challenges of drafting an advance request for MAiD in Quebec: A multi-perspective qualitative descriptive study – Marie-Ève Bouthillier	22. When choice meets system design: is euthanasia becoming the default in global assisted dying? – Paola Sillitti	23. Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatment in Sri Lanka: A Critical Appraisal of Criminal Law and Comparative Perspectives – Udani Wijayarathna

12.15-12.35	24. Establishing a Framework for ethical and impactful research on VAD in South Australia – Melanie Turner and Helen Walker	25. Competed Life: Dying as a Transformative Experience – Stephen Clarke and Tessa Holzman	26. Exploring Assisted Dying service experiences of Nurse Practitioners and Medical Practitioners in Aotearoa New Zealand – Heather Bustin	27. Panel presentation – What do Australian policymakers need to know about loss of decision-making capacity and the future of voluntary assisted dying. An Interactive workshop — Hannah Gissane and Jake Docker	28. An international exploration of best practice for patient decision-making on assisted dying methods and administration – Amanda Silla	29. Nurse-Led End-of-Life Care During Ventilator Withdrawal in the Oncology Ward: A Case Report – Yu-Hsin Yang
12.35-12.55	30. Monitoring MAiD in Spain: Insights from the 2024 Annual National Report – Nerea Molina and María Belmonte-Herrera	31. Tiredness of life in older persons: a conceptual description through a multidisciplinary lens – Kenneth Chambaere	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 <i>80 min</i>	Plenary Updates from Recently Legalised and Legalising Jurisdictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nancy Preston David Rodríguez-Arias Bettina Weisser Jessica Young 					Z-411
3.30-3.55 <i>25 min</i>	Afternoon tea					Z block foyer
4.00-5.00 <i>60 min</i>	<i>Concurrent / Parallel Session</i>					
	Insights from clinical practice	Assisted dying in the context of neurodegenerative disorders	First Nations perspectives	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. Panel presentation - Medical, ethical and legal issues in voluntary assisted dying for neurodegenerative disorders –Christian Gericke, Madeleine Archer, Katherine Tan and Merrilee Needham	36. Voluntary assisted dying: challenges in Northern Territory remote Aboriginal communities – Geetanjali Lamba	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. Panel presentation - Operating a VAD-responsive program as part of palliative care in a faith—based organisation – Mark Boughey, Caroline Scott and Morgan Sterley	42. End-of-life decisions: attitudes of people with advanced illness in 11 countries (the iLIVE project) – Agnes van der Heide
4.40-5.00	43. Holding the conversation open: Clinician hesitation, system gaps, and end-of-life dialogue in a VAD context – Rebecca Disler		44. Indigenous researcher insights into researching Māori family experiences of assisted dying in Aotearoa New Zealand – Tess Moeke-Maxwell		45. 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	Centring patients' and families' experiences	Assisted dying implementation and workforce in Australia and New Zealand	
9.55-10.15	46. Protections from criminal, civil and conduct liability in respect of assisted dying in Australian jurisdictions – Tina Cockburn and Bill Madden	47. What Is the True Death of a Human Being? – Jason Eberl	48. The complexity Voluntary Assisted Dying and dementia – Linda Swan	49. "To stop the war inside of me": insights from assisted suicide decision making – Claudia Gamondi	50. Exploring the voluntary assisted dying medical authorised practitioner workforce in Queensland, Australia – Liz Reymond	
10.15-10.35	51. Assisted Dying in Detention in the Netherlands: Legal Framework, Practice, and Ethical	52. Panel presentation - Organ donation after Voluntary Assisted Dying	53. Vulnerability versus Autonomy: Voluntary Assisted Dying and Dementia – Amanda Gray	54. "Why Is My Suffering Unbearable?" Patients' Perspectives on Assisted Dying in Spain and Switzerland – Iris Parra	55. While the Whole World Was Watching: Missed Opportunities in Assisted Dying Implementation – Rosalie McLauda	

	Dilemmas - Liselotte Postma	(VAD) – Dale Gardiner, Andrew McGee, Melanie Jansen and John Lizza		Jounou and Mar Vallès-Poch		
10.35-10.55	Psychedelics and end-of-life care		56. “It’s Incredibly Complex”: U.S. Healthcare Professionals’ Perceptions about MAiD in Persons with Dementia Policy – Kara Dassel	57. Whānau and assisted dying: A qualitative study of family experiences in Aotearoa New Zealand – Manu Pelayo	58. Voluntary Assisted Dying and General Practice: preferences for education and perceptions in Queensland – Enna Stroil-Salama and Liz Reymond	
	59. New Palliative Care Tool on Horizon: Psychedelic Assisted Therapy – Kathryn Tucker					
10.55-11.15	60. Psychedelics and End-of-Life Care: Science, Legality and Chaplaincy Pathways – Leanna Standish and Dona Chiechi Elam		61. Voluntary Assisted Dying for Dementia in Australia: Perspectives of People Living with Dementia and Carers – Casey Haining	62. When MAiD is refused: findings of a descriptive-interpretive qualitative study – Marie-Eve Bouthillier	63. Understanding enablers and barriers to practitioner participation in voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia – Sara Heinamaa	
11.15-11.45 30 min	Morning tea					Z block foyer
11.45-1.05 80 min	<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	64. “Death with Dignity” in the U.S. – and in Germany – Bettina Weisser	65. Demedicalizing MAiD: Reframing Autonomy and Accountability in Assisted Dying – Amirala Pasha and Richard Silbert	66. Timely Advance Care and Resuscitation Planning in High-Complexity Hospital Inpatients – Rajesh Gupta	67. Between Law and Loss: Understanding Relatives’ Involvement in Austria’s Assisted Suicide Process – Tamina-Laetitia Vielgrader	68. Community knowledge and attitudes toward voluntary assisted dying in Queensland, Australia – Rachel Feeney	69. Panel presentation - “Navigating the Nuance: Differentiating MAiD Requests from Suicidal Expressions in Mental Illness Contexts” – Ali Ladak and Saumil Dholakia
12.05-12.25	70. Challenges of Legalizing Voluntary Assisted Dying in East Asia: A	71. Why Administration of Lethal Drugs should not be the	72. Card-carrying advance care planning: Incorporating driver’s license renewal into	73. Embedding the Consumer Voice in Voluntary Assisted Dying: A CFIR-Guided Qualitative Study from	74. Health literacy, end-of-life health literacy and assisted suicide:	

	Comparative Analysis – Yukio Sakurai	Role of the Doctor – Sally Barker	discussions on advance care planning – Oliver Kim	Victorian Patients – Geetanjali Lamba	attitudes in older adults – Clément Meier	
12.25-12.45	75. Reforming Assisted Dying Laws in Sri Lanka: Comparative Insights from Australia and New Zealand – Sanath Wijesinghe and Upeka Silva	Psychosocial aspects of assisted dying and EOL care 79. The Role of Social Work in VAD – Catherine Stockil		76. VAD's impact on grief and bereavement: insights from families' and carers' lived experiences – Jane Nosworthy and Kerrie Arthur	77. Online training to improve Queensland healthcare workers' knowledge of voluntary assisted dying: a cross-sectional survey – Katherine Waller	78. The MAiD/non-assisted suicide relationship: a new, integrated model proposal for conceptualisation and experimental analysis – Neil Francis
12.45-1.05		80. End-of-Life Decision-Making: Rethinking Ethical Paradigms Through a Multi-Phasic Lens – Ehsan Shamsi Gooshki		81. Understanding and Managing Grief Associated with Assisted Dying in Regional Area – Melissa Carey	82. Specialised Training and Support for Pharmacists in Queensland's Voluntary Assisted Dying Service – Elisha Cole	
1.05-2.05 <i>60 min</i>	Lunch					Z block foyer
2.05-3.35 <i>90 min</i>	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 <i>25 min</i>	Afternoon tea					Z block foyer
4.00-5.00 <i>60 min</i>	Concurrent / Parallel Session					

	Assisted dying oversight	Participation in assisted dying	Assisted dying and organ donation	Conscientious objection	Nurses' involvement in and perspectives
4.00-4.20	83. The Bureaucratization of MAiD Oversight: Lessons from Tuscany's Third-Party Prior Authorization Model – Sean Riley	84. 'Not a pretty picture' - VAD information and access in Australian residential aged care – Frankie Bennett	85. From Choice to Legacy – Integrating Organ Donation into Voluntary Assisted Dying Pathways – Wade Stedman	86. Regulating conscientious objection: the divergent approaches in Assisted Dying and Abortion Law in New Zealand – Jeanne Snelling	87. Nurse Practitioners and Voluntary Assisted Dying: ACT leading the way in multidisciplinary authorised practitioner workforce – Kate Reed
4.20-4.40	88. Reforming MAiD Oversight in Canada: Bridging Ethical Gaps With Global Policy Lessons – Saumil Dholakia	89. Building Moral Community in an Age of Polarization: Reconciling Rights of Conscience in Healthcare – Andrea Frolic	90. Advising Voluntary Assisted Dying Patients about Organ Donation: Ethical and Practical Considerations – Fabian Jaramillo, Leo Nunnink and Wade Stedman	91. Conscientious objection: Ensuring patient centrality – Charles Douglas and Kellie Goldsworthy	92. Nurses' Willingness to Participate in Voluntary Assisted Dying in Australia: A Qualitative Descriptive Study – Jayne Hewitt
4.40-5.00	93. Checks and Balances on VAD and MAiD: The Important Role of Coroners and Review Boards – Ian Freckelton	94. Attitudes Towards and Participation in Voluntary Assisted Dying: A Pilot Study of Queensland Hospices – Katrine Del Villar	95. A pathway into the unknown. Organ and tissue donation after voluntary assisted dying – Kelly Lewis	96. Towards a typology of conscientious objection in MAiD: Findings from a qualitative study in Spain – Rosana Triviño-caballero	97. 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	98. Family Members' Experiences in the Context of Track 2 MAiD in Canada – Caroline Variath	99. Consent, Capacity, and Voluntary Decision-Making in Assisted Dying Contexts: Legal Participation in the Assessment Process – Margaret Hall	100. The International Observatory on Assisted Dying: A Collaborative Platform for Research, Policy, and Practice – Paola Sillitti	101. Trends in Assisted Dying Among Patients with Psychiatric Disorders and Dementia in Belgium – Natasia Hamarat	102. Healthcare Practitioner Experiences in Organ Donation Following VAD: Insights from Early Australian Cases – Aurélie Copin	
9.05-9.25	103. What about the family? Content analysis of international legislative frameworks and guidelines on assisted dying – Charlotte Boven	104. 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	105. Panel presentation - Toward a Global Consortium on MAiD: A Co-Design Workshop – David Rodríguez-Arias, Sean Riley, Claudia Gamondi and Nancy Preston	106. Panel presentation - End of life decisions in mental health care: perspectives of relatives and health care professionals – Didi Rhebergen, Radboud Marijnissen and Jojanneke Briek	107. Panel presentation - Evolution of organ donation after MAiD/VAD in Canada and Australia – Opportunities and lessons learned – Kim Wiebe and Helen Opdam	
9.25-9.45	108. Why am I doing this? Motivations and triggering factors to request MAiD – Mar					

	Vallès Poch and Iris Parra Jounou					
9.45-10.05	109.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	110.10 Lessons learned: 9 years of MAID, palliative care and the intersection of dying – Susan MacDonald	111. Panel presentation - Strategic Litigation as a Catalyst for Medical Assistance in Dying Reform: Lessons from Canada – Helen Long and Jocelyn Downie	112.Optimal Regulation of Medical Assistance in Dying: Lessons from a Canadian Case Study – Eliana Close	113.Navigating Personal Boundaries: How Physicians Manage the Influence of Their End-of-Life Preferences on Patient Care – Luc Deliens	114.Ensuring timely compassionate and legally compliant support for people's written VAD declaration – David Pieper	115.Victorian experience in providing Voluntary Assisted Dying Coordinator services in public and private healthcare systems – Eliza Armstrong
10.35-10.55	116.A Grounded Theory Ethnography Exploring Complexities, Synergies and Challenges between Assisted Dying and Palliative Care – Marjolein Matthys and Kenneth Chambaere		117.How do assisted dying regulatory models shape practice? A Belgian case study – Madeleine Archer	118.Voluntary Assisted Dying, Bereavement and Support- Health Professional Perceptions and Educational Needs- A Scoping Study – Hayley Russell	119.Academy of Aid-in-Dying Medicine: Modeling a Professional Organization Dedicated to Improving Care in Assisted Deaths – Charles Blanke and Ryan Spielvogel	120.Voluntary Assisted Dying in Western Australia 2021–2024: Uptake, Practitioner Involvement, and Service Delivery – Aaron Lapuz Alejandro

10.55-11.15	121. Bridging Gaps in MAiD Care: A Community-Based Palliative Approach for Patients with Complex Needs – Caroline Variath		122. Judicialization and Third-Party Intervention in the Spanish Aid-in-Dying System – Luis Espericueta and Iris Parra Jounou	123. Toward a better understanding of Assisted Dying Use: Experiences and Perspectives of International Professionals – Catherine Perron	124. Willow: A peer-to-peer support group for people whose loved ones have chosen voluntary assisted dying – Sarah White	125. 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							