

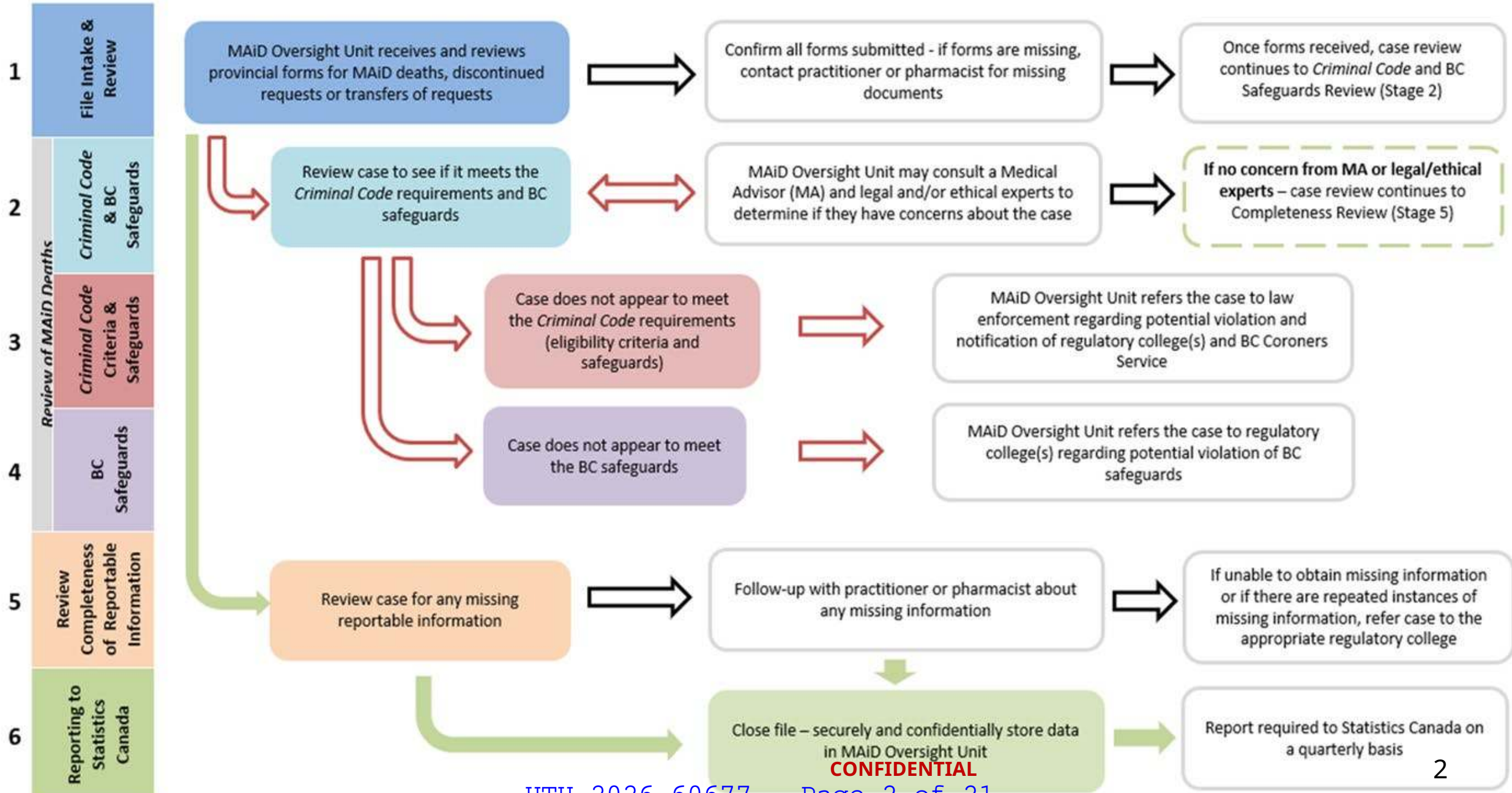


Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Oversight 2024 Year End Report

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Ministry of Health

Provincial MAiD Oversight Process Map



Key Case Metrics

- 4,169 unique individuals who had requested MAiD had reportable case outcomes in 2024.
 - 72.0% had a MAiD provision:
 - 97.8% were Track 1 (reasonably foreseeable natural death) and 2.2% were Track 2 (natural death is not reasonably foreseeable).
 - 28% of requests were discontinued:
 - In 23.0% of requests the individual died of a cause other than MAiD;
 - In 4.0% of requests the individual was found ineligible; and
 - In 1.4% of requests where the individual withdrew.
- 195 active MAiD prescribers:
 - 81.8% of MAiD deaths were provided by physicians and 18.2% by nurse practitioners.

Provincial MAiD Policy Updates

- A provincial MAiD Oversight Policy was developed and came into effect on September 1, 2024. The policy outlines the process that Health will follow when MAiD issues of compliance with applicable requirements occur during the provision of MAiD.

Federal Legislation Updates

- The Government of Canada has extended the exclusion of eligibility for persons whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness from March 2024 to March 2027.
- Health Canada held a national consultation on advance requests for MAiD, with a summary report of their consultations to be released in spring 2025. Quebec enacted legislation to permit advance requests in 2024.

Federal Reporting Updates

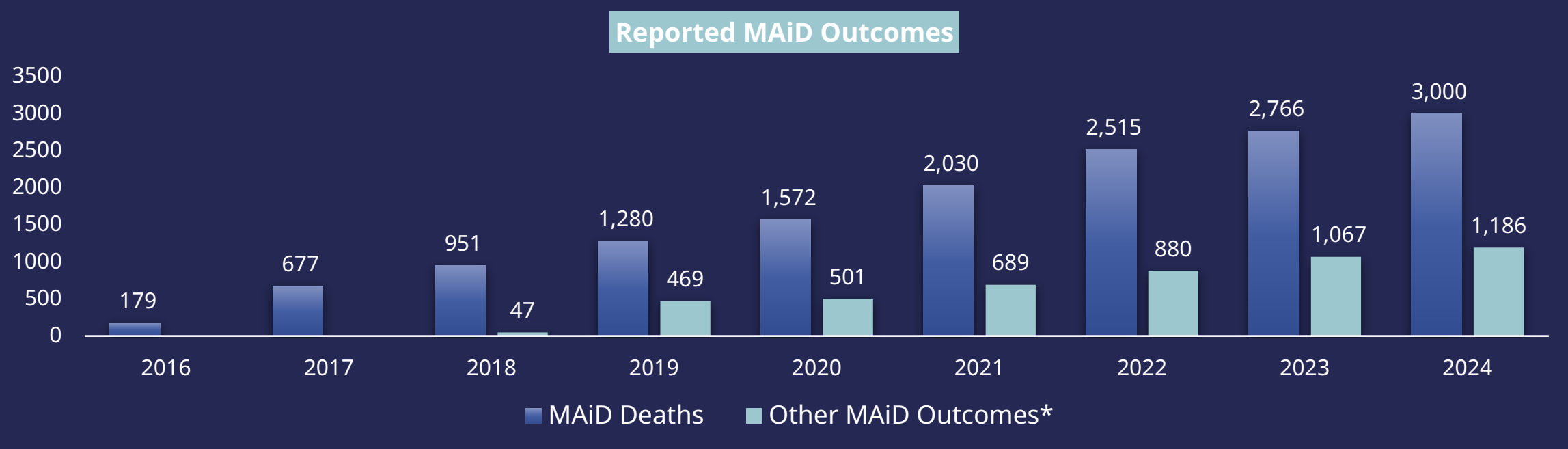
- The MAiD Oversight unit continues to meet the federal quarterly reporting deadlines and is part of the FPT MAiD Data Working Group started in 2024.

College Practice Standards for Medical Assistance in Dying Updates

- The College of Physicians and Surgeons updated their practice standards on Medical Assistance in dying on Feb 26, 2024 (version 8.0).
- Updates include:
 - The rationale for determining whether a patient is track 1 or track 2 needs to be clearly documented in the patient's medical record by the prescriber (practitioner who provides MAiD).
 - Registrants acting as the assessor-prescriber must not set a date for MAiD, issue the prescription, or pick up the medications for MAiD until eligibility assessments are completed by both the prescriber and assessor.

Reporting: Case Outcomes June 2016 – December 2024

The number of individuals seeking and receiving MAiD continues to increase each year; however, the rate of increase has slowed the past two years. MAiD deaths increased 8.5% in 2024 (compared to 10% in 2023 and 23.9% in 2022).

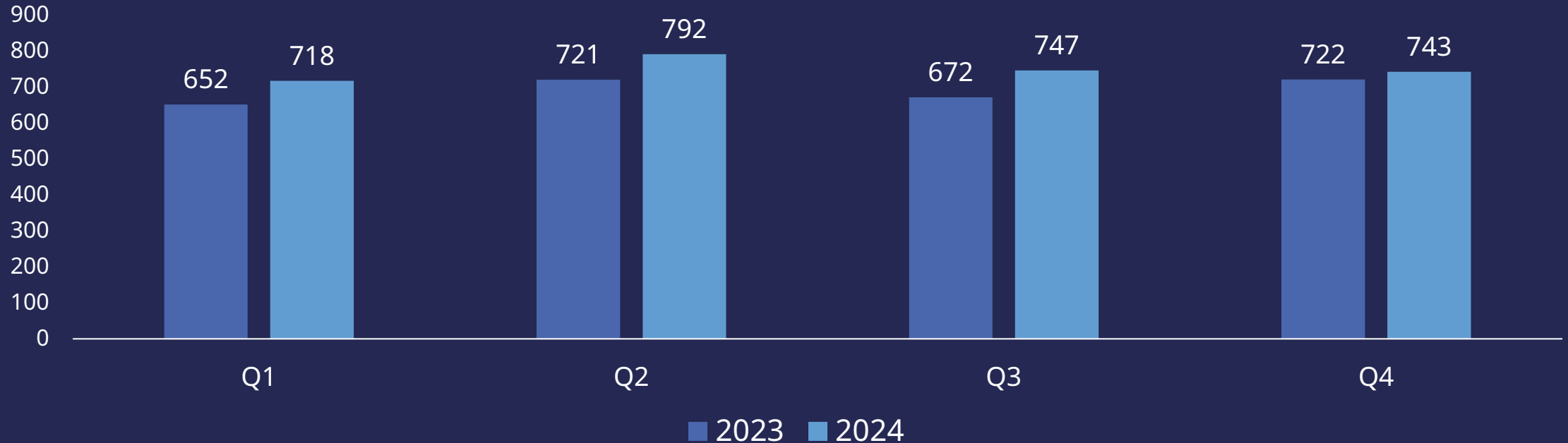


*Prior to November 1, 2018, Other MAiD case outcomes (ineligible, withdrawal of request, dying of another cause prior to MAiD) was not reportable to Health Canada.

Reporting: 2023 and 2024 Comparison of MAiD Deaths

Year	MAiD Deaths	Quarterly Average	Annual increase from prior year	Track 1 MAiD Deaths	Track 2 MAiD Deaths
2024	3,000	750	8.5%	97.8%	2.2%

MAiD Deaths Comparison by Quarter



MAiD Oversight Unit: Case Loads in 2024

Reportable MAiD outcomes increased by 9.5% but unit FTEs remained unchanged or declined at various points in the year. The unit managed to meet reporting deadlines with consistent teamwork, but case loads remained high and there was little capacity to take on long-term policy and planning work or take advantage of available learning opportunities.

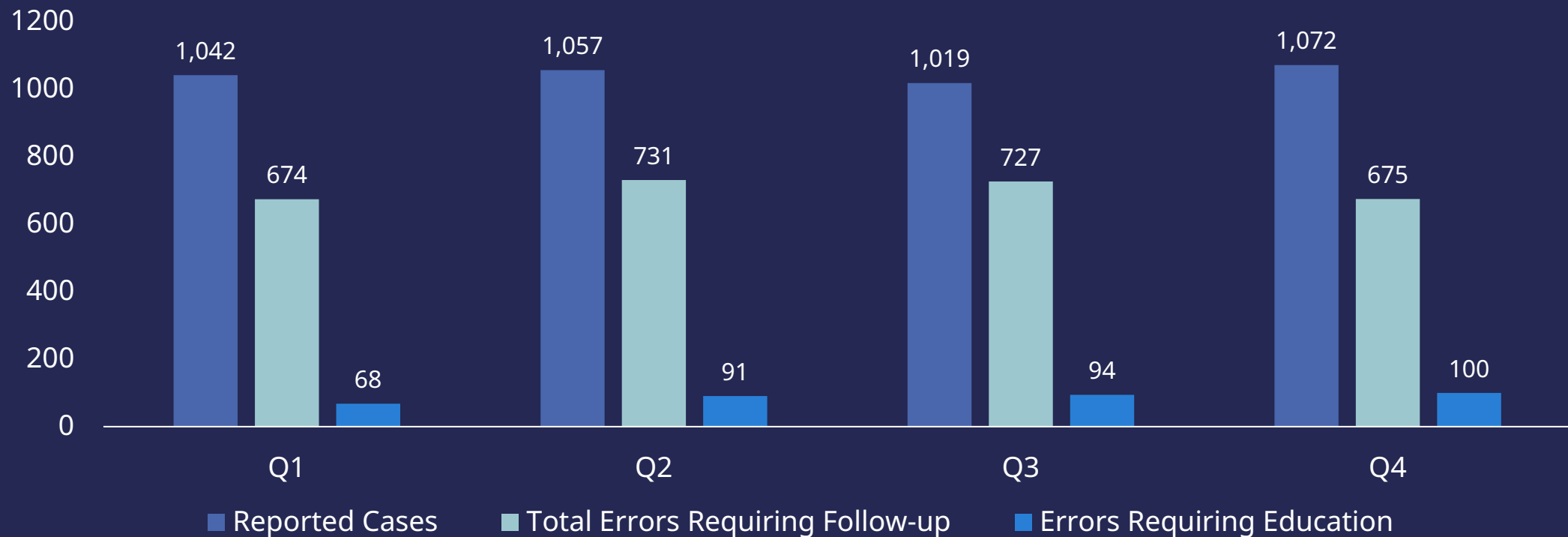
Reported MAiD Death Outcomes	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Average/Qtr.
Quarter →					
2024 Average case load/Analyst*	174	204	214	197	197
Volume change from 2023	-19.7%	-7.6%	27.6%	9.3%	-4.4%

Reported Outcomes that did not Result in MAiD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Average/Qtr.
Quarter →					
2024 Average case load/Program Assistant*	161	138	136	213	162
Volume change from 2023	-12.5%	-6.1%	0.0%	62.6%	8.5%

*Averages are based on staffing resources in the MAiD Oversight Unit throughout the quarter

MAiD Oversight Unit: Cases Requiring Follow-up in 2024

51.9% of MAiD case outcomes required follow-up by the MAiD Oversight Unit, with a total of 2,807 errors across those cases. 12.5% of those errors (353) required education to practitioners and pharmacists to ensure they understand legal requirements and professional standards associated with MAiD.



Errors often result from missing forms, missing information on forms, or clarification on information on forms submitted practitioners or pharmacists. "Errors" are classed as missing or incomplete non-critical reportable information and "errors requiring education" are concerns about compliance with legal requirements and provincial standards.

End of Report

2024 Practitioner MAiD Reporting Reasons for Practitioner Follow-up

Prepared for: Vancouver Coastal Health
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MAiD Oversight Unit
Hospital and Surgical Services Branch
Hospital and Provincial Health Services Division

Background: The MAiD Oversight Unit (Unit) is the program area within the Ministry of Health tasked with monitoring, oversight, and reporting on medical assistance in dying.

The Unit was designated to be the provincial reporting recipient for reportable MAiD outcomes in British Columbia in 2018 and submits this reporting to the Government of Canada.

The Unit receives documentation from all MAiD cases that occur in BC via provincial forms and reviews them for compliance with the Criminal Code of Canada, federal regulations, provincial safeguards, and professional practice standards.

In most cases, the Unit is reaching out to practitioners to obtain missing information that is federally or provincially required to report, or to obtain clarification on a response with respect to compliance with federal and provincial frameworks.

Report Notes:

- Vancouver Coastal Health statistics are based on 634 MAiD Deaths and 271 other MAiD outcomes reported from January 1 to December 31, 2024.
- BC statistics are based on 3003 MAiD Deaths and 1184 other MAiD outcomes reported January 1 to December 31, 2024.
- Other MAiD outcomes include findings of ineligibility for MAiD, withdrawal of the request for MAiD, and requestors that have died of a cause other than MAiD.
- This report is based on the number of times each issue occurred on the total number of reported cases with the calendar year.
- MAiD Deaths and other reported MAiD outcomes have been reported separately.
- See Appendix A on page 5 for a breakdown of error categories.

1. Reporting Issues

MAiD Death Reporting Issues	Vancouver Coastal Health	B.C.
Did not meet 72-hour reporting requirement	7.6%	6.7%
Reporting package missing forms	2.4%	3.4%
Forms missing pages	1.6%	3.1%
Using outdated version	0.8%	1.3%
Fax/scanning or pdf issue	2.1%	1.6%

Other MAiD Outcome Reporting* Issues	Vancouver Coastal Health	BC
Did not meet 30-day reporting requirement	0.0%	0.3%
Reporting package missing forms	8.5%	10.9%
Forms missing pages	1.5%	1.5%
Using outdated form versions	0.6%	0.5%
Fax/scanning or pdf issue	0.0%	0.4%

2. 1633 Assessor Form Completion and Follow-up issues

MAiD Death - 1633 Form Completion Issues	Vancouver Coastal Health	BC
Assessment info incomplete	5.5%	8.2%
Eligibility criteria section	9.2%	22.7%
Palliative Care, disability service, other health care consultations	2.2%	7.2%
Patient information	3.7%	2.2%
Practitioner information	0.7%	0.9%
Receipt of written request	4.4%	8.3%
Safeguards (Assessments)	2.6%	7.8%

Other MAiD Outcomes 1633 Form Completion Issues	Vancouver Coastal Health	BC
Assessment info incomplete	1.7%	2.5%
Discontinuation of planning section (page 6)	0.0%	0.3%
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2024 MAID REPORTING – REASONS FOR PRACTITIONER FOLLOW UP

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3.) 1634 Prescriber Form Completion

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	Health	BC
Administration of MAiD	5.5%	6.4%
Assessment info incomplete	1.9%	2.3%
Eligibility criteria section	5.5%	9.0%
MAiD planning safeguards	4.1%	4.1%
Palliative care, disability service, other health care consultations	3.8%	4.1%
Requestor info incomplete /discrepancy (Page 1)	0.8%	1.1%
Prescriber info incomplete	0.0%	0.1%
Receipt of written request	1.6%	2.5%
Safeguards (Assessments)	10.6%	14.9%

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4.) MAiD Deaths - Rx/MAR Form Completion Issues

RX MAR FORM ISSUES	Vancouver Coastal Health	BC
Patient info missing/discrepancy	0.3%	0.8%
Practitioner information incomplete	0.2%	0.3%
Safeguard statements incomplete	0.0%	0.2%
Prescription date	0.2%	0.1%
MAR not completed	0.1%	0.2%
Date of MAiD incomplete/discrepancy	0.6%	2.5%
Medication dosage/times incomplete/discrepancy	0.7%	2.5%
Practitioner signature/initials	1.0%	2.7%

Appendix A – Error/Issue Categorization

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