END OF LIFE CARE

END OF LIFE CARE AND ADVANCE CARE PLANNING ARE TOPICS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ALL ONTARIANS. MANY ONTARIANS REQUIRE INFORMATION TO INFORM THEIR END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING. THE FOLLOWING INFOGRAPHIC BREAKS DOWN STATISTICS ON END OF LIFE, ADVANCE CARE PLANNING, PLACE OF DEATH AND PALLIATIVE CARE.

80% of Canadians say they are comfortable talking about their end of life care and related issues

1/4 of Canadians more than 30 years of age have made end of life care plans

Just over 40% of those over age 70 have made end of life care plans

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

86% of Canadians say they have not heard of advance care planning

50% of Canadians have had a discussion with a family member or a friend about their end of life care wishes

9% of Canadians have spoken to a health care provider about their care at end of life

PLACE OF DEATH

- 69% of respondents would prefer to receive end of life care at home, yet 65% of Canadians die in hospitals
- Only 11% see their own homes as an option
- Most believe that palliative care is only offered in nursing homes, hospices, hospitals and retirement homes

PALLIATIVE CARE

69-82% of those who die in high income countries need palliative care

- In Ontario, there are about 400 physicians who practice mainly palliative medicine
- Only 16-30% of Canadians have access to high-quality palliative care
- There are 24 operating hospices in Ontario with 12 in the planning stage

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