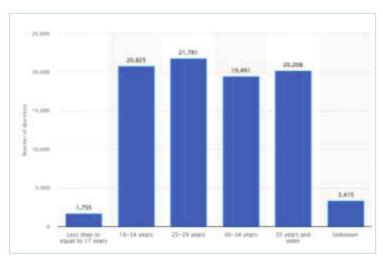


The Reality of Abortion in Canada



Statistics for 2021 indicate that the provinces with **the highest number of abortions in Canada were Ontario (34,988) and Québec (19,996)**. In both Québec and Ontario, the majority of abortions were performed in clinics. In other provinces, such as Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia, more abortions were performed in hospitals than clinics.

Number of abortions in Canada in 2021, by patient age



In recent years, medical abortions have become more accessible in non-hospital settings such as nurse practitioner and physician offices, or community and public health clinics, and most of these are not included in the data. Therefore, volumes reported underestimate the true number of induced abortions in Canada.

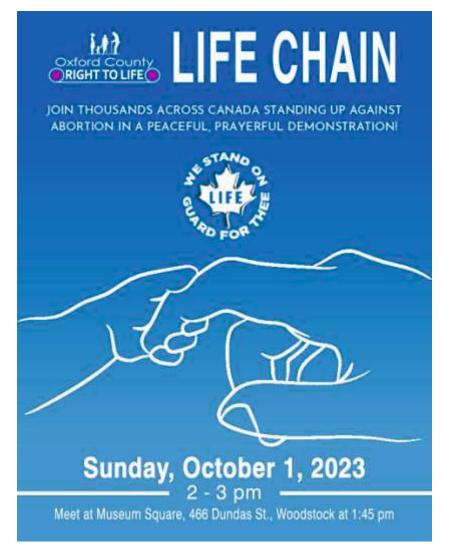
47% of women who had an induced abortion in 2020 had not had a previous abortion.

<u>52% of women</u> who had an induced abortion had previously given birth to one or more children.

Note that the highest number of abortions are happening among women from 18 to 35+ years.

~ Statistica.com

Be a Pro-Life Witness



Life Chain consists of pro-lifers standing or sitting at intersections across the country, silently praying for one hour for an end to abortion as they hold signs that share the truth about abortion to those who pass by with messages like: "Abortion kills children," "Abortion hurts women," and "Adoption, the loving option".

Please mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to this year's Life Chain!

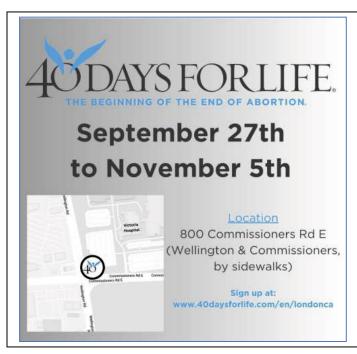
You will be pleasantly pleased to discover the amount of community support there is, and with your help, we will give a powerful public witness that will change hearts and save lives.

Life Chain in Woodstock is 2 - 3 pm at Museum Square, at Dundas and Finkle Streets.

Life Chain in Tillsonburg is 1:30 - 2:30 pm at Broadway and Bridge Streets.

Life Chain in Ingersoll is 2 - 3 pm at the intersection of Charles and Thames Streets.

For more locations, please click here.



Pray for an end to Abortion

Abortions are happening at Victoria Hospital in London.

London Right to Life invites you to participate in the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil outside the premises of Victoria Hospital between 7 AM to 7 PM (excluding Sundays).

This event entails dedicating an hour or two of your time for silent prayer for the preborn, their mothers, the most vulnerable, as well as those who provide or support abortions.

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Mothering Children Conceived in Rape

Contrary to popular opinion, women testify that their children conceived through rape have redeemed their life, not worsened it. Researching the testimony and opinions of women who conceived children in rape reveals that the great majority of women who aborted their children in rape regret their abortion, and the great majority of those who carried their child to term are happy they did so.



The experience of post-rape abortion as "traumatic" is quite common. An amicus brief by the Family Research Council in 2006 points out, "Interestingly, the effects of abortion are very similar to the effects of rape," and psychotherapists have found it can cause post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The brief goes on to note, "Even the Alan Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's research organization, estimates that as many as 91 percent of all women who have had abortions may suffer from physical and psychological 'post-procedural trauma.'"

The testimony of one woman said, "In my experience, **abortion only compounded the trauma and pain** I was already experiencing. I was an innocent victim of the horrible crime, but in choosing to abort, to kill, the innocent child growing within me, I lowered myself to the level of the rapist. I too committed a crime against a defenseless baby who had done nothing wrong." "While [abortion] may seem to be the quickest and easiest solution to a painful, humiliating 'problem,' it is a band-aid approach with horrible ramifications of its own.,"

~ LifeSite News, June 2022



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Health Canada releases new standards for Euthanasia

On March 27, Health Canada released its new "Model Practice Standard for Medical Assistance in Dying," direction for physicians. The "guidelines" are essentially **directives for health care professionals**, including so-called MAiD assessors. The document:

- allows for virtual euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide,
- states that medical professionals **should not notify friends or relatives of assisted suicide requests without the consent of their patients**, although they can explain "the potential harms of nondisclosure",
- requires that physicians and nurses inform patients who qualify for euthanasia or assisted suicide that they are eligible for MAiD, and
- states that, while doctors and nurses cannot be compelled to take part directly in killing patients, they must refer patients to medical professionals who will.

Conscience rights advocates insist that referring patients for euthanasia still implicates a doctor or nurse in the murder. Doctors who oppose euthanasia would be expected to broach the topic of eligibility, in violation of their conscientious objection to the practice.



Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, said, "All of these 'guidelines' are designed to make MAiD/ euthanasia appear to be carefully carried out and yet, the medical practitioner only needs to be of the opinion that the person fits the criteria of the law."

Amanda Achtman of Canadian Physicians for Life described the new Model Practice Standard as "a further attempt by the Canadian government to normalize euthanasia as medical care," explaining, "Through the use of

acronyms, euphemisms, and professional jargon, the Canadian government is expanding euthanasia to an everwidening demographic of Canadians as a means to end their suffering." Regarding the **guidance** to doctors and nurses **not to inform family of a patient's suicide request**, Achtman said this **will lead to patients to "be euthanized secretly."**~ The Interim, May 2023

Ontario projected to see 5,000 euthanasia deaths in 2023 alone

The number of reported **euthanasia deaths in Ontario has increased by more than 25% in the first 5 months of 2023**. Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) estimates that Ontario will see as many as 5,000 deaths from MAiD by the end of the year. In January of 2023, the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario released that some 3,934 people died by MAiD in 2022, which was an increase of 27 percent from 2021.

33-year-old quadriplegic, Rose Finlay of Bowmanville, Ontario, a mother of three, said it was **easier** for her **to get approved for state-sanctioned euthanasia than** it was for her to successfully **obtain help for the disabilities she has been suffering with for years**.

According to the EPC, **13,500 Canadians died by MAiD in 2022**, **with** the province of **Québec having the highest number of deaths** not just in Canada, but in the world.



Theme - " Respect Life - All ages! All stages! "

Thank you to everyone who participated in our contest!

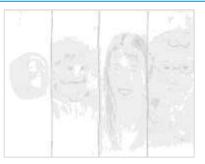
Our panel of judges has selected the following prize winners:

1st prize - Jonah Rosendal 2nd prize - Myrah Joosse 3rd prize - Maeve Brintell

Congratulations!



I wanted to show that all ages and stages begin with the smallest embryo. Human life is a process that should be respected at all times. The flag is a symbol of respect and hope. And the dark background shows that all lives are not respected in our country.



I demonstrate all ages that are valuable.



I wanted to show that, in God's eyes, all life matters, and that we must respect it because it is a gift from God.

Ontario government hides the cost of MAID

Records obtained by a pro-life researcher through a Freedom of Information request show that **Ontario's health** ministry allowed procedures for euthanasia to be billed under codes for "palliative care," meaning the true taxpayer cost for the deadly procedure is likely higher than previously thought. It appears that when the government announces that they have increased funding for palliative care, they are both hiding the cost of MAID and faking an increase to palliative care funding.

~ <u>Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, June 2023</u>

Organ donation procedure violates the dead donor rule

At one time, organs were only removed from donors who were declared brain dead, which is complete and irreversible loss of all brain function. The donors are medically and legally dead, but their hearts are still beating. A ventilator keeps oxygen flowing to the heart and other organs until they can be retrieved for transplant. In 2006, doctors began removing organs from "controlled circulatory death" donors, people who aren't brain dead but their prospects for recovery are so grim that a decision is made to withdraw life support. Life support is removed and, after the heart stops, surgeons wait an obligatory five minutes to ensure the heart has permanently ceased before procuring organs. **Traditional organ donation procedures cause the organs to start dying** because they are starved of oxygen and nutrients during the dying process and mandated waiting period.

With NRP (Normothermic Regional Perfusion), once the heart has stopped beating for 5 minutes and the person is declared dead, the organ donation team blocks the blood flow to the brain and restarts the heart to enable normal organ function. This reverses the damage and improves the number and quality of organs harvested.

When you revive the body for the purpose of organ donation but deny blood to the brain to ensure brain death, you are **intentionally not permitting a person to live**, who may have continued to live. **This bi-passes the dead donor rule because death does not occur first, rather death is made to occur, for the purpose of organ donation**.

~ Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, June 2023

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