**Physician Support Medical Aid in Dying Almost 2-to-1**

**Physicians Support for Medical Aid in Dying is on the Rise**

**YES**

- 2010: 46%
- 2016: 57%

**NO**

- 2010: 41%
- 2016: 29%

**State Medical Associations Increasingly Agree Patients Should Drive Care**

Since the California Medical Association’s June 2015 decision to drop its 30-year opposition to medical aid in dying and the California Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP) adopted a neutral position, medical societies across the country have followed suit, including:

- New York State Academy of Family Physicians
- Colorado Medical Society
- Maryland State Medical Society
- Medical Society of the District of Columbia
- Nevada State Medical Association
- Maine Medical Association
- Minnesota Medical Association

**62%** of doctors in states where medical aid in dying is not authorized report having had a patient whom they wished could have exercised that right.

**56%** of doctors say the passage of medical aid-in-dying laws is a positive development.

*We give patients the right to hasten their deaths by refusing dialysis, mechanical ventilation, antibiotics or any other life-sustaining treatment. Why deny them what is essentially the same choice?*

– Marcia Angell, physician, author, and the first woman to serve as editor-in-chief of the New England Journal of Medicine

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