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Non-Participation in State of Washington Death with Dignity Act 135.00

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PURPOSE:

Purpose: To provide guidelines when the care of a patient includes a request to receive information about or participate in the Death with Dignity Act (Washington Death with Dignity Act 1-1000 codified as RCW 70.422 passed on November 4, 2008).

1. Kadlec recognizes and respects the right of patients to make choices related to their care at the end of life. Health care providers at Kadlec will respond to any patient's queries with openness and compassion.
2. Kadlec believes our health care providers have an obligation to openly discuss a patient's concerns, unmet needs, feelings, and desires about the dying process and options available.
3. Kadlec physicians and other providers may provide information about resources that are available to assist them in locating a participating provider with the Death with Dignity Act. The informational brochure is attached.
4. However, Kadlec providers will not engage or participate in the Death with Dignity Act on Kadlec premises; Kadlec pharmacies will not dispense medication for such purposes; and Kadlec-employed providers will not act as attending or consulting providers under the state Death with Dignity Act in the course of their employment with Kadlec.

References:

RCW 70.245

WAC 246-978

The Oregon Death with Dignity Act: A Guidebook for Health Care Professionals

End of Life Washington Brochure

Attachments

[End of Life Washington Brochure.pdf](#)

[Non-Participation in State of Washington Death with Dignity-Assisted Suicide, 135.00.docx](#)

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