

## End of Life Planning

Title	Additional Information
<b>End of Life Planning</b>	<p><b>International:</b> The last Tabu! People don't like to face unpleasant certainties in life - the most common theme being death and taxes. Although people still hate to think about taxes and may procrastinate most get it done and files on time. However, still today, in 2013, we do not prepare ourselves &amp; our families for our eventual, and certain, demise.</p>
<b>End of Life Care in Canada</b>	<p><b>Canada:</b> 2009 Report - Still not there. Strong recommendations include eliminating the two week waiting period; increase benefit to 75% of earnings, increase length of benefit from 6 to 13 weeks, provide access to benefit during times of medical crisis, not only for the palliative care period.</p> <p><b>Canada:</b> 2005 Senate Report Quality End of Life Care: A Progress Report - Still not there. Despite significant advancements at the federal level major disparities exist based on living in urban vs rural or remote areas or those living with disabilities which increases personal out of pocket costs. Families absorb 25% of the overall cost of end of life care. Inadequate government support and health care system approval results in additional burden on family caregivers. Canadian Cancer Society Report 2010 commented that Canada has a patchwork approach to providing care at the end of life.</p>