

Voluntary assisted dying (VAD): ethical, legal and clinical perspectives for medical practitioners

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The medico-legal landscape is evolving – and staying across emerging risks, regulatory changes, and technological developments is essential for safe, accountable practice.

VAD is now available in all Australian states and the Australian Capital Territory, making it an increasingly important aspect of contemporary healthcare practice. As legislative reviews, reforms and implementation experiences continue to evolve, healthcare practitioners must remain informed about their professional, legal and ethical responsibilities.

In this webinar, our panel will discuss the current Australian VAD landscape, including Victoria's legislative reforms, the commencement of the ACT scheme, and the ongoing statutory review of VAD legislation in New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania.

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Learning outcomes

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

- Discuss current legislative status of voluntary assisted dying across Australia and identify key jurisdictional differences relevant to clinical practice.
- Critically examine the professional, ethical and legal responsibilities of healthcare practitioners when responding to patient enquiries about VAD, including the management of conscientious objection.
- Plan practical strategies to minimise medico-legal risk.

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