

# Journal of Aid-in-Dying Medicine

## Article Formatting:

All articles or other written materials must be submitted as Word Documents (GoogleDocs or DropBox-initiated files will not format correctly and will not be accepted). Word Documents must be capable of being edited in "Review Tracking" mode. Materials are to be submitted as attachments from our [Submissions Form](#), not as links to your document online.

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Submissions *must* follow the Style Manual of the [American Clinicians Academy on Medical Aid in Dying](#).

(Articles submitted without following these style requirements will be returned for rewrite before review):

- **Acronyms:** No acronyms (other than CIA, FBI, etc.), especially not MAID, MAiD, AID, ACAMAID. This includes medical expressions i.e. (but not limited to): PEG tube, SOB, COPD, CHF, PMD, etc.
  - Think of your audience as a mixture of clinical and non-clinical readers (and even in the clinical arena many don't know what MAID means, and certainly not ACAMAID. We're trying to establish communications that are readily understood by the widest audience.
  - Acronyms very familiar to non-medical readers are acceptable, i.e. MRI, CAT or CT scan, ALS, AIDS (although we recommend that you use the entire name once, then use the acronym for subsequent mentions).
  - **ACAMAID:** The first mention is the American Clinicians Academy on Medical Aid in Dying, and thereafter referred to as "The Academy," not ACAMAID.
- **Abbreviations:** Avoid abbreviations only familiar to medical readers, i.e. pt, f or m, 62yo, etc.
- **Hyphenation:** *Aid in dying* and *medical aid in dying*, when nouns, are not hyphenated; when adjectives, they are hyphenated. For example, when *medical-aid-in-dying* usage shows it's an adjective, it would be "*the aid-in-dying prescription.*" When it is a subject/noun, it's "*a prescription for aid in dying.*"

- **Dignity:** Please avoid using “death with dignity” as synonymous with “aid in dying,” since non-aid-in-dying deaths can also be dignified.

An Aid-in-Dying Thesaurus: There is a tendency for repetition of the terms *medical aid in dying* or *aid in dying*. To improve the richness of your language, please feel free to use our Aid in Dying Thesaurus when you find your style getting repetitious:

#### Medical aid in dying

Medically assisted dying

Aid in dying

Physician-assisted dying

Physician-assisted death(s)

Clinically-assisted death(s)

Clinician-assisted death(s)

Hastened death(s)

#### Medications

Medicines

Dosages/doses

#### Option(s)

Choice(s)

Possibility(ies)

Route(s)

Path(s)

#### Care

/supervise/look after/take care of/tend/nurse/watch/take responsibility for/guide/be concerned for/provide guidance/take charge of/be in charge of/

#### Clinicians

/practitioners/health providers/providers/(or, if limited, name the specific role of the clinician)

#### Patient

client, inpatient, outpatient, sick person, participant, ill person, resident, client