

California End of Life Option Act Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital's Statement

After careful deliberation, Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital's Board of Directors and Medical staff have adopted a policy which states that Henry Mayo will not participate in California's End-of-Life Option Act (herein referred to as "The Act.>").

Why We Are Choosing Not to Participate

Participation in activities authorized by the Act is completely voluntary. No person (including physicians), hospital, pharmacy or other entities that objects based on conscience, morality or ethics is required to provide any services in support of this new law.

Henry Mayo's Mission, Vision and Values support patient-centered care. The end-of-life care we provide is grounded in the values of respecting life by:

- Offering a comprehensive approach intended to improve the quality of life for patients who have serious or life-threatening illnesses
- Supporting patient self-determination by encouraging the use of advance directives
- Offering a comprehensive palliative care program that includes hospice care.

What This Means for Our Patients

Patients and their families are encouraged to discuss care and treatment options for terminally ill patients with their physicians. As part of this discussion requests for physician-assisted death or self-administered life-ending medication may occur. Henry Mayo caregivers may not knowingly participate in or facilitate physician-assisted death or assist in delivering or administering medication intended for this purpose while on hospital premises.

If a patient expresses intent to pursue physician-assisted death the patient will be informed that Henry Mayo has chosen not to participate in the Act and will not be able to provide, deliver, administer or assist the patient with a lethal prescription. If the patient expresses a desire to be transferred to a facility that will participate in this process then arrangements will be made to accommodate the patient's wishes within our ability to do so. We will also make medical records available to the patient and/or the participating facility in a timely manner.

If you have questions about our End of Life Act policy, please contact a member of our Palliative Care Team or a Social Worker at (661) 253-8000.

Additional information and resources about the California End of Life Option Act (SB-128):

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/EndofLifeOptionAct>
<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>
<http://endoflifeoption.org>
<https://www.deathwithdignity.org/states/california>