



## Assisted dying survey 2019 results

**What should the RCP's position be on whether or not there should be a change in the law to permit assisted dying?**

- Opposed: 43.4%
- In favour: 31.6%
- Neutral: 25%

	In favour	Neutral	Opposed
Geriatric Medicine	23.2%	32.7%	44.1%
Palliative Medicine	5.0%	14.2%	80.9%
Respiratory Medicine	24.6%	27.1%	48.3%
Gastroenterology	32.4%	24.2%	43.4%
Acute Internal Medicine	35.6%	25.9%	38.6%
Cardiology	37.7%	22.3%	40.0%
Neurology	37.0%	19.6%	43.5%
Not specified	37.7%	24.6%	37.7%
Renal Medicine	29.7%	28.1%	42.2%
Other	44.9%	25.4%	29.7%
Rheumatology	36.5%	25.4%	38.1%
General Internal Medicine	35.5%	22.6%	41.9%
General Practice	40.1%	19.3%	40.6%
Medical Oncology	32.4%	30.8%	36.8%
Haematology	34.4%	29.5%	36.1%
Endocrinology and diabetes mellitus	30.5%	27.1%	42.4%
Dermatology	49.4%	16.5%	34.1%
Paediatrics	36.3%	28.2%	35.5%
Infectious Diseases	39.8%	30.6%	29.6%
Intensive care medicine	41.9%	25.7%	32.4%
Genito-Urinary Medicine	44.0%	31.0%	25.0%
Stroke Medicine	27.0%	30.0%	43.0%
Diabetes Mellitus	30.3%	25.8%	43.8%
Rehabilitation Medicine	31.3%	25.0%	43.8%
Endocrinology	39.3%	19.7%	41.0%
Hepatology	38.6%	21.1%	40.4%
Clinical Genetics	36.0%	32.0%	32.0%
Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	40.4%	25.5%	34.0%
Public Health Medicine	52.4%	21.4%	26.2%
Radiology	35.9%	35.9%	28.2%
Pharmaceutical Medicine	34.5%	31.0%	34.5%
Clinical Neurophysiology	44.0%	16.0%	40.0%
Immunology	44.4%	11.1%	44.4%
Nuclear Medicine	17.6%	29.4%	52.9%
Clinical Oncology	31.3%	31.3%	37.5%
Paediatric Cardiology	33.3%	26.7%	40.0%
HIV/AIDS	41.7%	25.0%	33.3%
Anaesthesia	23.1%	46.2%	30.8%
Infection & Tropical Medicine	23.1%	38.5%	38.5%
Metabolic Medicine	41.7%	25.0%	33.3%
Allergy	66.7%	11.1%	22.2%
Sports and Exercise Medicine	44.4%	22.2%	33.3%
Audiovestibular medicine	12.5%	12.5%	75.0%
Trauma and orthopaedics	0.0%	40.0%	60.0%
Tropical Medicine	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Core medical training	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%
Medical Ophthalmology	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%
Student	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%
Child Psychiatry	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Obstetric Medicine	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Occupational Medicine	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%



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### Do you support a change in the law to permit assisted dying?

- No: 49.1%
- Yes: 40.5%
- Undecided: 10.4%

	No	Undecided	Yes
Geriatric Medicine	52.3%	12.1%	35.6%
Palliative Medicine	84.3%	6.7%	9.0%
Respiratory Medicine	54.6%	12.0%	33.4%
Gastroenterology	49.3%	12.4%	38.3%
Acute Internal Medicine	44.0%	12.2%	43.8%
Cardiology	42.9%	10.4%	46.7%
Neurology	47.5%	7.5%	45.0%
Not specified	41.0%	12.0%	47.0%
Renal Medicine	49.8%	11.7%	38.5%
Other	35.0%	9.7%	55.3%
Rheumatology	45.2%	9.9%	44.8%
General Internal Medicine	46.8%	7.6%	45.6%
General Practice	43.9%	7.1%	49.1%
Medical Oncology	45.9%	12.4%	41.6%
Haematology	42.3%	9.3%	48.4%
Endocrinology and diabetes mellitus	50.0%	12.5%	37.5%
Dermatology	40.9%	6.8%	52.3%
Paediatrics	43.8%	8.6%	47.7%
Infectious Diseases	38.5%	11.9%	49.5%
Intensive care medicine	36.2%	10.5%	53.3%
Genito-Urinary Medicine	30.0%	14.0%	56.0%
Stroke Medicine	47.5%	15.2%	37.4%
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Clinical Genetics	35.3%	21.6%	43.1%
Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	42.6%	6.4%	51.1%
Public Health Medicine	30.2%	4.7%	65.1%
Radiology	46.2%	2.6%	51.3%
Pharmaceutical Medicine	41.4%	10.3%	48.3%
Clinical Neurophysiology	44.0%	0.0%	56.0%
Immunology	44.4%	5.6%	50.0%
Nuclear Medicine	52.9%	23.5%	23.5%
Clinical Oncology	50.0%	6.3%	43.8%
Paediatric Cardiology	46.7%	6.7%	46.7%
HIV/AIDS	21.4%	14.3%	64.3%
Anaesthesia	30.8%	7.7%	61.5%
Infection & Tropical Medicine	30.8%	23.1%	46.2%
Metabolic Medicine	33.3%	16.7%	50.0%
Allergy	22.2%	0.0%	77.8%
Sports and Exercise Medicine	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%
Audiovestibular medicine	75.0%	12.5%	12.5%
Trauma and orthopaedics	80.0%	0.0%	20.0%
Tropical Medicine	20.0%	0.0%	80.0%
Core medical training	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%
Medical Ophthalmology	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%
Student	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%
Child Psychiatry	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Obstetric Medicine	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Occupational Medicine	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%



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**Regardless of your support or opposition to change, if the law was changed to permit assisted dying, would you be prepared to participate actively?**

- No: 55.1%
- Yes: 24.6%
- Don't know: 20.3%

	Don't know	No	Yes
Geriatric Medicine	23.5%	57.9%	18.7%
Palliative Medicine	10.8%	84.4%	4.8%
Respiratory Medicine	16.1%	63.5%	20.4%
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Metabolic Medicine	27.3%	54.5%	18.2%
Allergy	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%
Sports and Exercise Medicine	22.2%	55.6%	22.2%
Audiovestibular medicine	12.5%	87.5%	0.0%
Trauma and orthopaedics	20.0%	60.0%	20.0%
Tropical Medicine	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%
Core medical training	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%
Medical Ophthalmology	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Student	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%
Child Psychiatry	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Obstetric Medicine	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Occupational Medicine	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%



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### Respondent profile: gender

Female	39.9%
Male	60.1%

### Respondent profile: membership category

Fellow	43.09%
Collegiate	31.30%
Retired Fellow	15.44%
Associate	4.62%
Physician Associate	3.02%
Foundation	0.74%
Student	0.71%
Affiliate	1.07%

### Respondent profile: specialty

Geriatric Medicine	10.98%
Palliative Medicine	8.25%
Respiratory Medicine	8.05%
Gastroenterology	6.10%
Acute Internal Medicine	5.87%
Cardiology	5.78%
Endocrinology and diabetes mellitus	4.76%
Neurology	4.69%
Not specified	4.20%
Renal Medicine	3.75%
Other	3.73%
Rheumatology	3.67%
General Internal Medicine	3.63%
General Practice	3.09%
Medical Oncology	2.70%
Haematology	2.67%
Dermatology	2.57%
Paediatrics	1.86%
Infection & Tropical Medicine	1.84%
Intensive care medicine	1.53%
Genito-Urinary Medicine	1.45%
Stroke Medicine	1.45%
Rehabilitation Medicine	0.93%
Hepatology	0.84%
Clinical Genetics	0.74%
Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	0.68%
Public Health Medicine	0.64%
Radiology	0.57%
Pharmaceutical Medicine	0.42%
Clinical Neurophysiology	0.36%
Immunology	0.26%
Nuclear Medicine	0.25%
Clinical Oncology	0.23%
Paediatric Cardiology	0.22%
HIV/AIDS	0.20%
Anaesthesia	0.19%
Metabolic Medicine	0.17%
Allergy	0.13%
Sports and Exercise Medicine	0.13%
Audiovestibular medicine	0.12%
Trauma and orthopaedics	0.07%
Core medical training	0.04%
Medical Ophthalmology	0.04%
Student	0.04%
Child Psychiatry	0.03%
Obstetric Medicine	0.03%
Occupational Medicine	0.01%