

PSYCHIATRY GRAND ROUNDS

“Medical Aid in Dying- Autonomy, Capacity, and the Psychiatrist’s Role”

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1. Summarize the key provisions of New York's Medical Aid in Dying Act (PHL Article 28-F), including its August 5, 2026 effective date and its status as the first state MAID law to mandate a mental health evaluation for all patients requesting assistance.
2. Examine why psychiatry has been given a formal role in MAID safeguards in New York.
3. Discuss the arguments for and against MAID, with attention to how each side weighs autonomy, suffering, dignity, and risk of harm.

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