

# Research Centre Seminar Series

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and

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**When :**

Tuesday, March 29  
12:00—13:00

**Where :**

Auditorium A  
(Room B-309, basement)  
St-Mary's Hospital Center  
3830 Lacombe Avenue, Montreal

A light lunch will be served

**Everyone is welcomed !**

## **Nurses and Bill-52: Nurses preparedness to care for patients requesting medical aid in dying in the coming legal context**

**Abstract:** Though nurses are intimately involved in the care of patients and families at the end-of-life, the voices of frontline nurses have been largely absent from the growing social discussion about *medical aid in dying*. In this focus group study, nurses were asked to reflect on their collective preparedness to care for patients requesting medical aid in dying. Drawing on their prior experiences of caring for patients and families at the end-of-life, nurses highlighted critical challenges and concerns related to the enactment of ethical care in the context of *medical aid in dying*. In addition, nurses offered insights that illuminate important ethical aspects of care that are largely overlooked in much of the debate and discussion to date.

**About the speakers:** James Elmore has a background that is equal parts science, social science and philosophy. Maude Paradis completed a Master of Science in Immunology at McGill University. Both entered the Direct-Entry Master's Nursing program in 2013 and will graduate this coming May. Alongside the principle investigator of this project, Dr. David Wright, James and Maude recently complete a qualitative meta-synthesis investigating nurses' experiences of assisted death in jurisdictions where euthanasia or assisted suicide are legally practiced. It will be published in a forthcoming edition of *Nursing Ethics*.

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