

# Introduction

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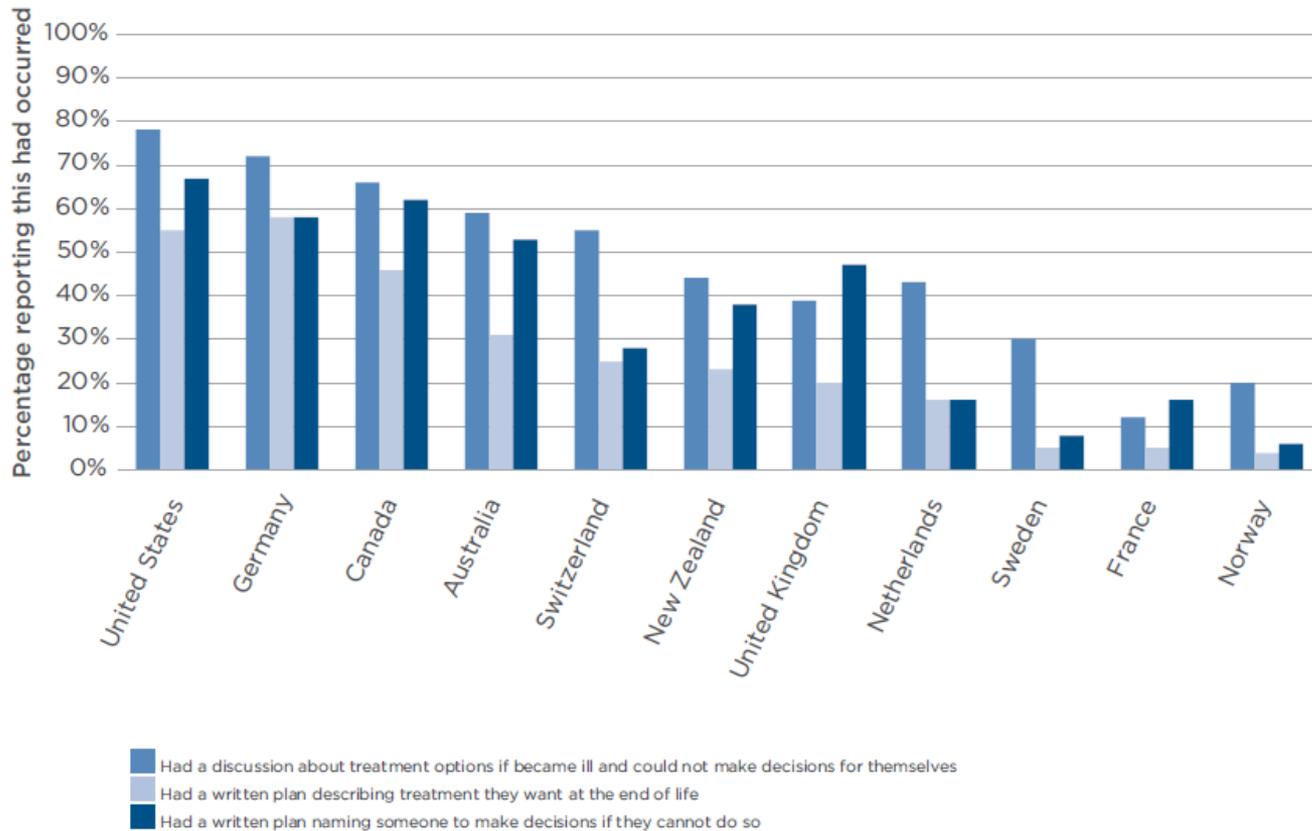


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- Acute hospitals now provide end of life care to majority of people who die\*
- Cases audited by SAAPM – many treating surgeons report difficult end of life decisions
  - whether to operate or palliate
    - Family / patient / surgeons / other clinicians – conflicting views

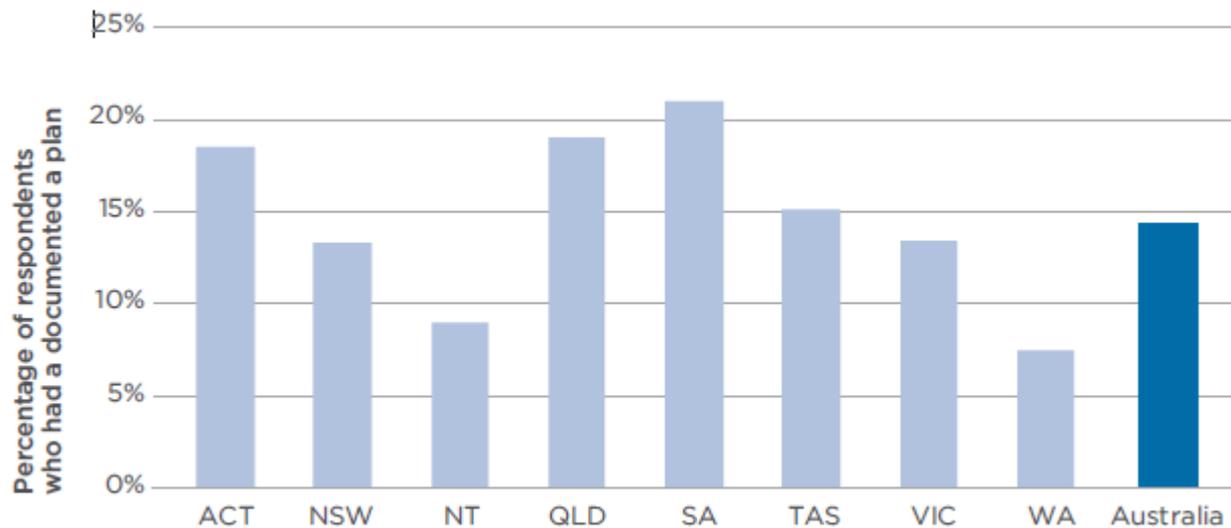
\*Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Safety and Quality of End-of-life Care in Acute Hospitals: A Background Paper. Sydney: ACSQHC, 2013.

# End-of-life care planning, by country



Source: Osborn R, et al. International survey of older adults finds shortcomings in access, coordination, and patient-centered care. *Health Affairs* 2014; 33: 2247–2255.

## Documentation of advance care plan, by state



Source: White B, et al. Prevalence and predictors of advance directives in Australia. *Internal Medicine Journal* 2014; 44: 975–980.