Table 1. Characteristics and end-of-life care of 341 DWDA patients who died after ingesting a lethal dose of medication, Oregon, 1998-2007

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End-of-Life Care			
Hospice			
Enrolled (%)	43 (87.8)	248 (85.5)	291 (85.8)
Not enrolled (%)	6 (12.2)	42 (14.5)	48 (14.2)
Unknown	-	2	2
Insurance			
Private (%)	32 (65.3)	180 (62.5)	212 (62.9)
Medicare or Medicaid (%)	17 (34.7)	105 (36.5)	122 (36.2)
None (%)	0 (0.0)	3 (1.0)	3 (0.9)
Unknown	0	4	4
End-of-life Concerns"			
Losing autonomy (%)	49 (100)	251 (87.2)	300 (89.0)
Less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable (%)	42 (85.7)	250 (86.8)	292 (86.6)
Loss of dignity (%) ⁶	42 (85.7)	131 (80.4)	173 (81.6)
Losing control of bodily functions (%)	31 (63.3)	165 (57.3)	196 (58.2)
Burden on family, friends/caregivers (%)	22 (44.9)	110 (38.2)	132 (39.2)
Inadequate pain control or concern about it (%)	16 (32.7)	76 (26.4)	92 (27.3)
Financial implications of treatment (%)	2 (4.1)	7 (2.4)	9 (2.7)
PAS Process	2 (4.1)	1 (2.4)	9 (2.1)
Referred for psychiatric evaluation (%)	0 (0.0)	26 (12.6)	36 (10.7)
Patient informed family of decision (%)**	46 (93.9)	36 (12.6) 207 (94.5)	253 (94.4)
Patient died at	40 (93.9)	207 (94.5)	203 (94.4)
Home (patient, family or friend) (%)	44 (89.8)	275 (94.2)	319 (93.5)
Long term care, assisted living or foster care facility (%)	4 (8.2)	13 (4.5)	
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Hospital (%) Other (%)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
Lethal Medication	1 (2.0)	3 (1.0)	4 (1.2)
Secobarbital (%)	40 (81.6)	135 (46.2)	175 (51.3)
Pentobarbital (%)	9 (18.4)	152 (52.1)	161 (47.2)
Other (%) ^{ΔΔ}	0 (0.0)	5 (1.7)	5 (1.5)
Health-care Provider Present When Medication Ingested	+ 0 (0.0)	3 (1.7)	5 (1.5)
Prescribing physician (%)	11 (22.4)	63 (29.2)	74 (27.9)
Other provider, prescribing physician not present (%)	25 (51.0)	115 (53.2)	140 (52.8)
No provider (%)	13 (26.5)	38 (17.6)	51 (19.2)
Unknown	0	6	6
Complications	0	0	<u> </u>
Regurgitated (%)	3 (6.3)	16 (5.6)	19 (5.7)
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Seizures (%) Awakened after taking prescribed medication (%) ψψ	0 -	1	1
None (%)	46 (93.8)	269 (94.4)	314 (94.3)
Unknown	0	8	8
Emergency Medical Services	U	0	O
	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Called for intervention after lethal medication ingested (%) Calls for other reasons (%)##	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Not called after lethal medication ingested (%)	0 (0) 49 (100)	4 (1.4) 284 (98.6)	4 (1.2)
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Unknown Timing of BAS Event	-	4	4
Timing of PAS Event			
Duration (weeks) of patient-physician relationship	0	10	11
Median	8	12	11
Range	0-1440	0-1065	0-1440
Unknown	2	16	18

Duration (days) between prescription written and death			
Median	14	6	7
Range	0-463	0-698	0-698
Minutes between ingestion and unconsciousness			
Median	5	5	5
Range	1-20	1-38	1-38
Unknown	3	28	31
Minutes between ingestion and death			
Median	25	25	25
Range (minutes - hours)	6 min-83 hrs	1 min-48 hrs	1 min-83 hrs
Unknown	5	20	25

- * Unknowns are excluded when calculating percentages.
- [△] Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties.
- ⁺ Excluding Douglas and Lane counties.
- ^Ψ Includes alcoholic hepatic failure, corticobasal degeneration, diabetes mellitus with renal complications, hepatitis C, organ-limited amyloidosis, scleroderma, and Shy-Drager syndrome.
- # Affirmative answers only ("Don't know" included in negative answers). Available for 17 patients in 2001.
- ^e First asked beginning in 2003.
- ** First recorded beginning in 2001. Since then, 10 patients (3.7%) have chosen not to inform their families and five patients (1.9%) have had no families to inform.
- ^{ΔΔ} Other includes combinations of secobarbital, pentobarbital, and/or morphine.
- ⁺⁺ The data shown are for 2001-2007 since information about the presence of a health care provider/volunteer, in the absence of the prescribing physician, was first collected in 2001.
- In 2005, one patient regained consciousness 65 hours after ingesting the medications, subsequently dying from his/her illness 2 weeks after awakening. The complication is recorded here but the patient is not otherwise included in the total number of DWDA deaths.
- ## Calls included three to pronounce death and one to help a patient who had fallen off a sofa.