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# Pharmacist Perspectives on Assisted Suicide

## Unveiling Challenges & Improving Pharmaceutical Care (the PAS-Study)

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PAS Study | Background

# Participation and dispensing?

## PAS Pharmacist Perspectives on Assisted Suicide



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## PAS Study I Results

Range: 30-97 years



68 deaths



## Patients with death position will



N=112



Tumour diseases, neurological disorders, lung diseases, and psychiatric disorders

## Participating pharmacists

46.9

20.5 years of exp

60.6%

4.1% not wa

"If someone is overwhelmed during the dispensation, a colleague always comes to help." P2 71

N=193



## DISPENSATION



## PARTICIPATION



## MENTAL STRENGTH

## Non-participating pharmacists



N=130



46.9 years (SD± 13.1)



21 years of experience (SD ± 13.3)



73.8% female, 22.3% male, 0% not want to say, 1.5% NA

## Thought about dispensation

We have a healing profession, not a killing-assistance profession.

"Religious reasons, God decides and not us"!

yes no

## Reasons for refusal in program participation

42

41

35

19

8

15

very low preparation for dispensation  
ethical issues  
taboo topic

not the task of pharmacists  
religious issues  
fear of mistakes (e.g. storage, dispensing)

## Fear of mental burden

37

25

28

21

17

very high

high

moderate

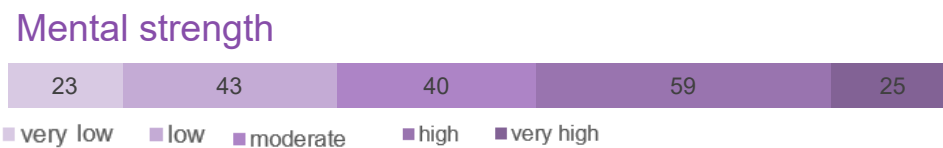
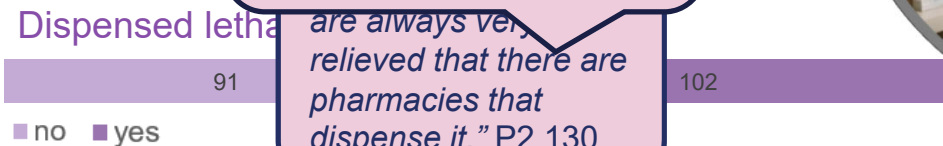
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very low

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100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0%

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**Thank you for  
your attention!**

**wide gap between participating and non-participating pharmacists**

**Participating pharmacists**



**How to close the gap?  
ethics**



**safety**



**collaboration**



**guidelines**



**training  
support**

**Non-participating pharmacists**

