

## Assisted Dying and End of Life



### What we believe:

Otumoetai Doctors supports the international palliative care definition that End of life care neither “hastens nor postpones death”. We believe in caring for a patient until their natural end of life.

While Otumoetai Doctors recognises that patients have a legal right to assisted dying, we have taken an organisational position of **conscientious objection** in relation to the End of Life Choice (EOLC) Act 2019. This means that if you are exploring the option of lawfully requesting medical assistance to end your life (assisted dying) Otumoetai Doctors staff will refer you to the Support and Consultation for End of Life in New Zealand (SCENZ) Group.

This position reflects that of our local Waipuna Hospice:

<https://www.waipunahospice.org.nz/assisted-dying-end-of-life/>