Making Your First Oral Request

This documented request starts the 15-day timeline required by law to receive the prescription.

“Please document that I have made a first oral request for life-ending medication under the Death with Dignity law.”

Start with your Primary Care Physician, Specialist, Palliative Care or Hospice Physician (Must be an MD or DO)

- Ask them to please document your first oral request using the language in the box on the left.
- If they refuse to document your request, go to another physician with whom you have consulted.
- If they agree to document your request, ask, “Will you support me?” If they will not or cannot support you, ask, “Can you refer me to a physician who will support me?”
- If they will not or cannot refer you, go to another one of your physicians, or consult with your End of Life Washington Volunteer.