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Now on Display at Dana Medical Library: An Exhibit about Vermont's Patient Choice and Control at End of Life Act

Dana's current exhibit is an informative look at the State of Vermont's Act 39: Patient Choice and Control at End of Life law. In May of 2013, then Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin signed Act 39 into law, making Vermont the third state in the US with a law addressing this issue.

What is Act 39? The Patient Choice and Control at End of Life Act (Act 39), provides eligible Vermont residents with terminal diseases the option to be prescribed a dose of medication that, if taken, will hasten the end of their life.

This exhibit answers vital questions about the Act: Who is eligible? What is the physician's role? What is the step-by-step process? What does Act 39 mean for both physicians and patients alike? Stop by the library to learn more.

Questions? Contact Interim Director [Gary Atwood](#).

Resource List:

[Vermont Department of Health, "Act 39 Frequently Asked Questions"](#)

[Act 39 Law: "No. 39. An act relating to patient choice and control at end of life."](#)

[Legislative Report](#)

[Patient Choices Vermont: Overview and Explanation](#)