

End-of-life Care in the Prison Environment (Supplement #2)



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THE LAST UPDATED BACKGROUNDER, ‘End-of-Life Care in the Prison Environment,’ was posted on the Palliative Care Network website in August 2022; access at <https://bit.ly/3JkYGVg>. Occasional “supplements” listing selected articles, reports, etc., published in the literature and in the news media will be posted on this website: #1 (July 2023) <https://bit.ly/3QGRyXC>.

[Aging Prison Populations](#)

The aging prison population: Causes, costs, and consequences

PRISON POLICY INITIATIVE (U.S.) | Online – 2 August 2023 – New data from the Census Bureau reveals that the U.S. median age rose to a high of 38.9 years: an increase of three and half years in the last 23 years. The U.S. prison population is aging, too, and at a much faster rate than the nation as a whole – and older adults represent a growing portion of people who are arrested and incarcerated each year. The aging of the prison population is the result of a series of disastrous policy decisions in policing, sentencing, and re-entry over roughly the last half-century. And while prisons and jails are unhealthy for people of all ages, older adults’ interactions with these systems are particularly dangerous, if not outright deadly. **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/3KRw6eE>