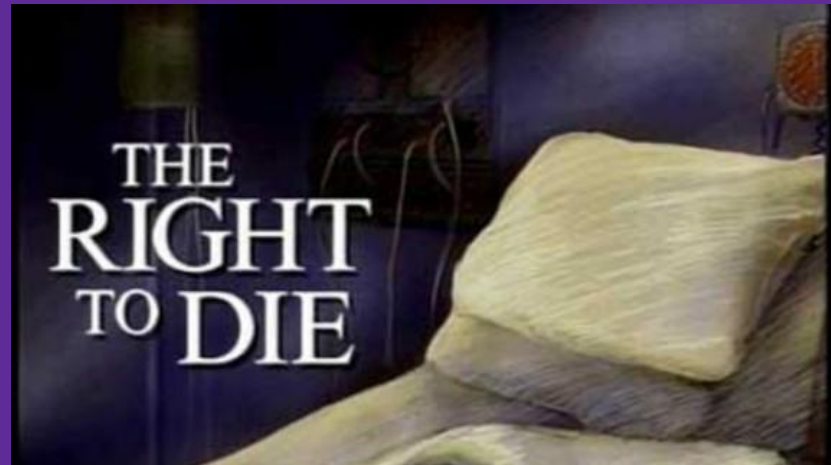


Physician-Assisted Suicide

Death with Dignity or Legalized Murder?

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What is Physician-Assisted Suicide

-Physician-Assisted Suicide is defined as the prescription of a medication with the intention of that medication ending the patient's life

-The request for this service come from terminally ill patients in constant pain, and the only end to their 24/7 suffering is death



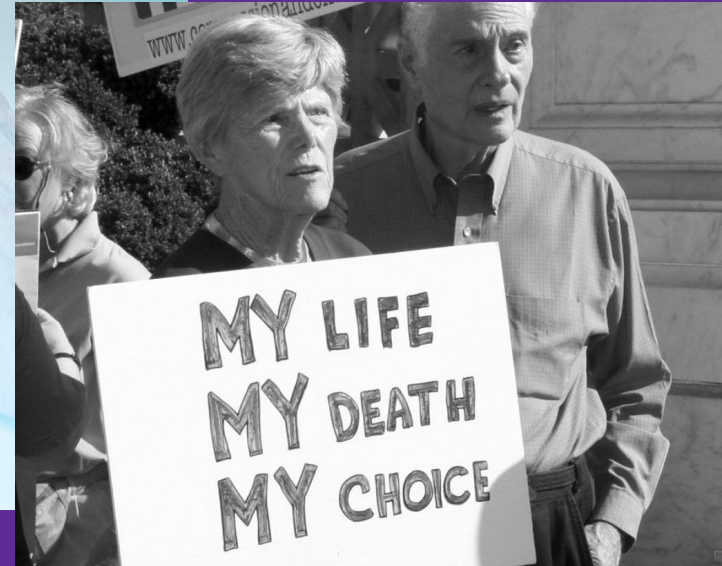
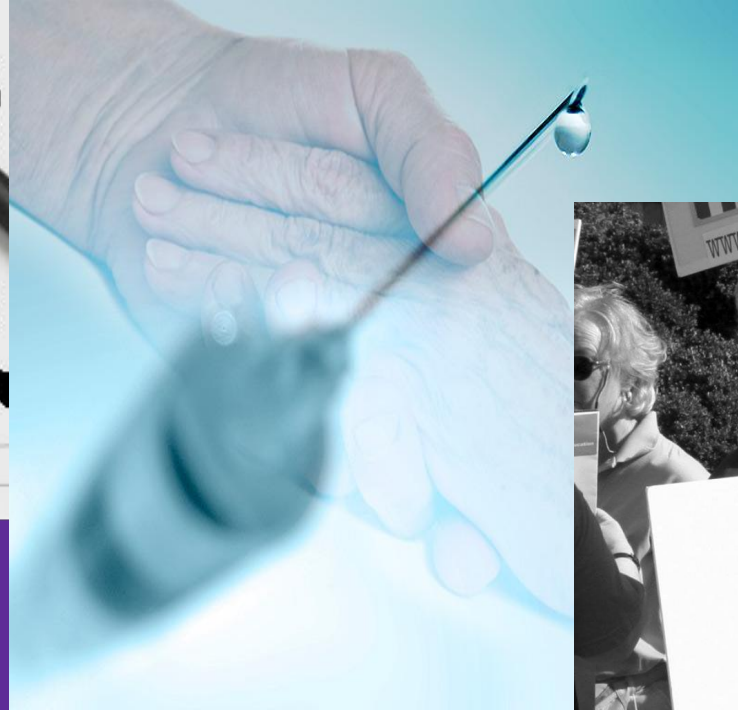
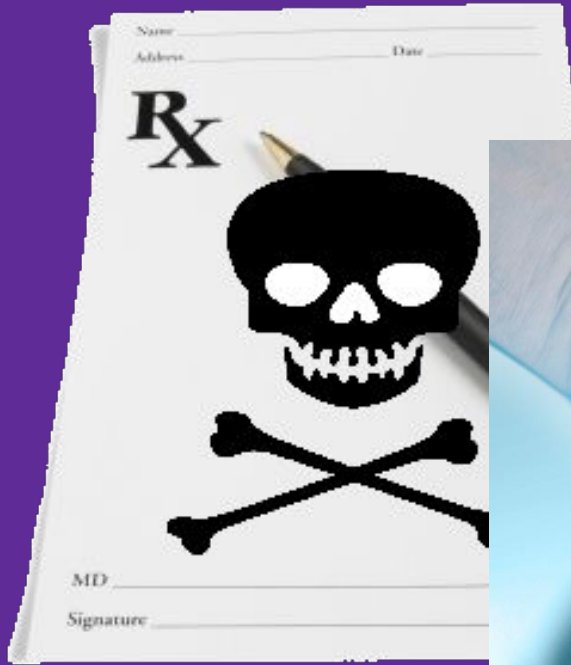
2 Types of Assisted Suicide

EUTHANASIA:

- The doctor prescribes a medication
- The doctor then directly administers that medication to the patient themselves

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE:

- The doctor prescribes a medication
- The patient administers the medication to themselves, the doctor does not



4 Types of Euthanasia

ACTIVE:

-The patient administers end of life treatment

VOLUNTARY:

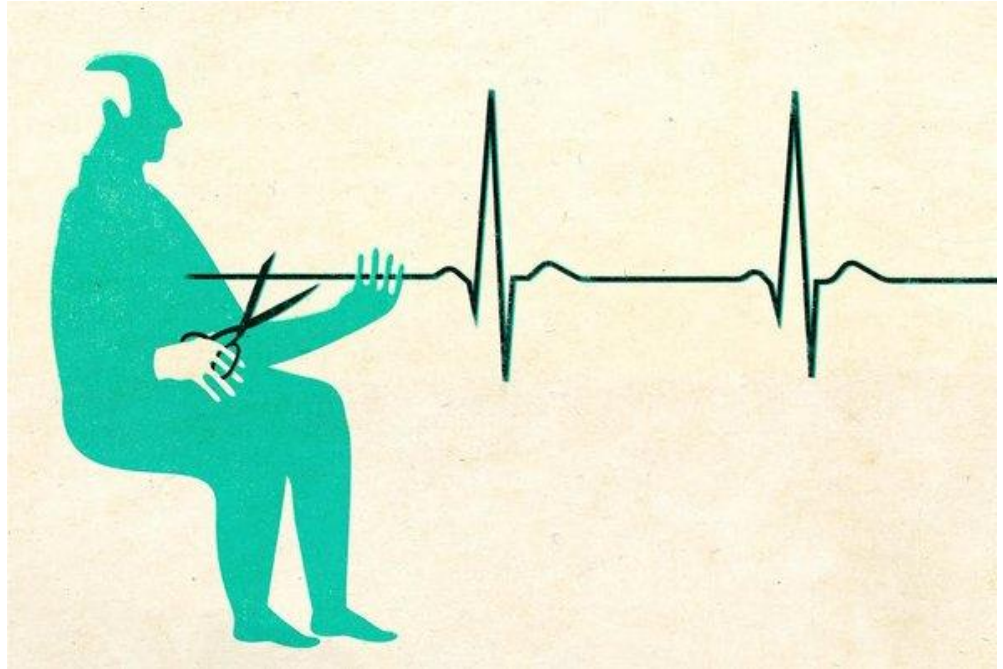
-The patient is aware and consents to the treatment

PASSIVE:

-Withholding of life-sustaining treatment

INVOLUNTARY:

-Patient is unable to consent to treatment



PROS:

- Human decency
- Situations are uncontrollable
- Patient self-determination
- Speeds up an inevitable process
- Safeguards in place to protect the patient
- Rules and regulations to prove the necessity per individual case

CONS:

- Murder
- Sin
- An end to financial obligation
- Slippery slope to legalized murder
- Violates a physician's hippocratic oath
- Risk for abuse

A close-up shot of a person lying in a hospital bed, appearing to be in pain or discomfort. The person's face is partially visible, and they are looking towards the camera. Medical equipment, including a nasal cannula and a hand holding a syringe, is visible. The scene is dimly lit, with a focus on the person's face and the medical equipment. The overall tone is somber and clinical.

**Forced to endure
inevitable pain...**

Impacts on Society

-Currently only 6 states have legalized Physician Assisted Death, meaning in 44 states patient's cannot choose to end their suffering

-While this is a monumental decision, it is ultimately up to the person, and the government should not be able to dictate whether or not a patient has to live or die

-Allows a terminally ill patient to die with dignity, rather than continue their suffering



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