Patient refusal of hydration and nutrition: an alternative to physician-assisted suicide or voluntary active euthanasia.

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Abstract

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Voluntary active euthanasia ("killings") without the patient's request is not PAS. The act of the physician is to extubate the patient, and the consequence is the patient's death. This is physician-assisted suicide. There are critical differences in the morality and legality of these acts. Physician-assisted suicide is legally prohibited in many jurisdictions, and there is a current controversy about
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