

• CONGRESSIONAL WORKSHOP •
Topic # 10
Legalize Physician-Assisted Suicide?

Overview

Questions to ponder: Who should have control over choice-in-dying directives: doctors, patients, families, God? How do DNR and living wills enter into the picture? How might pharmacists be part of the issue? How well-versed in the process and procedure of the Oregon law are you? Is Oregon a lone-wolf or a leader for the future? Has PAS worked in Oregon? Do physicians have the necessary expertise to be part of the PAS decision? Any slippery slope toward other forms of euthanasia? Do you think Jack Kevorkian is a saint or a devil?

Background references

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- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assisted_suicide
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Citations supporting the affirmative

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