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Att: Inquiry Chairperson

Att: Lillian Topic

Dear Sir/ Madame

I would like to give my views on this matter.

- Competent adult individuals should be able to refuse treatment of any kind and health care professionals must comply.
- Treatment must not be withheld from children even if this is requested by parents / guardians. If illness is terminal unlimited amounts of pain relief medication must be given with no limitation even if this shortens time of life; competent doctor to manage.
- For a non competent adult patient with terminal illness, who is in pain, relief medication must be given with no limitation even if this shortens time of life; competent doctor to decide.
- Other than a terminal illness situation, relatives of a competent or non- competent individual (adult or child) should not have the decision about treatment; this must be the sole prerogative of the treating doctor in accordance with his/her medical oath. This will help ensure relatives do not agitate for someone's death for their own material gain purposes.
- Mentally & physically children & adults must not be made candidates for euthanasia but be given proper care. We must not allow our society slip into the Nazi mode where a ' judge' or ' expert panel ' decide if an innocent individual should live or die.
- The inquiry should look at the lack of ' End of Life Choices' for babies who currently can be killed by partial birth abortion up to just before birth. No choice there for the individual !

Regards ; Frank O'Connor. [REDACTED]