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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.