

Developments in the Dutch practice of physician- assisted dying

Views of physicians and
experts

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Conflict of interest

- Nothing to disclose

Background

- Due care criteria: physicians won't be prosecuted
- Right and obligations

Research question

What are recent developments in physician-assisted dying in the Netherlands, according to physicians and experts?

1. General public vs. physicians?

“I don’t see any role in these cases for me as a doctor.”

2. Physicians: Shifting boundaries

“The euthanasia law has become a bit more flexible, right?”

3. Physician's role is changing

“Just get on with it”

4. Experts: End-of-Life Clinic

“A good option for complex cases or an easy way out for physicians?”

Discussion

- Accepted practice and exceptional act
- Legal vs. personal boundaries