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LEGALISING EUTHANASIA AND/OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

IMPLICATIONS FOR PALLIATIVE CARE PROVIDERS

This study researched the implications for and the views of palliative care providers should euthanasia and/or physician assisted suicide (PAS) be legalised. In order to contextualise this study global developments with regard to the legalisation of euthanasia and legislation were examined, followed by a review of the New Zealand history of significant cases and legislative attempts. A structured literature review of the opinions of palliative care nurses and doctors (internationally) revealed that the majority were not in favour of legalising life-shortening treatments. This response was also reflected in the literature review of general practitioner opinion in jurisdictions where these practices are not legal, (with the exception of Canada and the Netherlands). Studies of general practice involvement in the Netherlands and Belgium since legislation revealed more support, but also the stressful nature of such involvement. Data was gathered through interviews with New Zealand hospice nurses, physicians and general practitioners. New Zealand participants expressed concerns with regard to patients from vulnerable populations. Concern was also expressed regarding lost opportunities for emotional and spiritual growth and healing if patients' lives were foreshortened. Participants anticipated personal and professional dilemmas should euthanasia be legalised - especially with respect to palliative care philosophy and patient autonomy. While a minority of participants were ambivalent about legislation, with one supportive, all were clear that euthanasia and PAS have no place as treatment options within palliative care. Participants felt that the symptom-management nature of hospice and palliative care was not widely understood by the public. These concerns were juxtaposed against the experiences of hospice nurses and physicians, working in hospices in Oregon and Washington States; both states legally allow PAS. The hospices, at which interviews took place, do not participate in the provisions of the Death with Dignity Acts. American data gathered revealed vital nature of ethics education and personal support for staff when patients chose both hospice care and PAS. This was particularly important when staff's personal opinions, with regard to legislation, diverge from that of their employing facility. This research concludes that palliative care professionals have an important contribution to make to the current New Zealand legislation debate.

ANGELS OF DEATH

EXPLORING THE EUTHANASIA UNDERGROUND

Melbourne University Publish Public discussion of euthanasia and assisted suicide is growing. In Australia as elsewhere the debate is difficult, contentious and confronting, and hampered by the secrecy that necessarily surrounds illegal practice. Most people simply have no way of knowing how, and how often, medically assisted death actually occurs. Roger Magnusson presents, for the first time, detailed first-hand accounts by doctors, nurses, therapists and other health professionals who have been participants in assisted death. All have been intimately involved in caring for people with AIDS, both in Australia and in California. He places these ambivalent, self-incriminating accounts within the broader context of the right-to-die debate and the challenges of palliative care. The frankness of the health workers and the richness of their collected evidence set this book apart. From within a culture of deception they speak knowingly and movingly of the merciful release of a peaceful death, while acknowledging the reality of 'botched attempts', euthanasia without consent, precipitative euthanasia, lack of accountability and professional distance, and many other disturbing issues. Angels of Death provides a window into the 'euthanasia underground'-a secret part of medicine and nursing that few professionals will publicly acknowledge. It brings a sense of urgency and precision to public debate, and equips us all to think more independently about these crucial issues.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DEATH

Springer Science & Business Media Physician-Assisted Death is the eleventh volume of Biomedical Ethics Reviews. We, the editors, are pleased with the response to the series over the years and, as a result, are happy to continue into a second decade with the same general purpose and zeal. As in the past, contributors to projected volumes have been asked to summarize the nature of the literature, the prevailing attitudes and arguments, and then to advance the discussion in some way by staking out and arguing forcefully for some basic position on the topic targeted for discussion. For the present volume on Physician-Assisted Death, we felt it wise to enlist the services of a guest editor, Dr. Gregg A. Kasting, a practicing physician with extensive clinical knowledge of the various problems and issues

encountered in discussing physician assisted death. Dr. Kasting is also our student and just completing a graduate degree in philosophy with a specialty in biomedical ethics here at Georgia State University. Apart from a keen interest in the topic, Dr. Kasting has published good work in the area and has, in our opinion, done an excellent job in taking on the lion's share of editing this well-balanced and probing set of essays. We hope you will agree that this volume significantly advances the level of discussion on physician-assisted euthanasia. Incidentally, we wish to note that the essays in this volume were all finished and committed to press by January 1993.

APPROACHING DEATH

IMPROVING CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

National Academies Press When the end of life makes its inevitable appearance, people should be able to expect reliable, humane, and effective caregiving. Yet too many dying people suffer unnecessarily. While an "overtreated" dying is feared, untreated pain or emotional abandonment are equally frightening. *Approaching Death* reflects a wide-ranging effort to understand what we know about care at the end of life, what we have yet to learn, and what we know but do not adequately apply. It seeks to build understanding of what constitutes good care for the dying and offers recommendations to decisionmakers that address specific barriers to achieving good care. This volume offers a profile of when, where, and how Americans die. It examines the dimensions of caring at the end of life: Determining diagnosis and prognosis and communicating these to patient and family. Establishing clinical and personal goals. Matching physical, psychological, spiritual, and practical care strategies to the patient's values and circumstances. *Approaching Death* considers the dying experience in hospitals, nursing homes, and other settings and the role of interdisciplinary teams and managed care. It offers perspectives on quality measurement and improvement, the role of practice guidelines, cost concerns, and legal issues such as assisted suicide. The book proposes how health professionals can become better prepared to care well for those who are dying and to understand that these are not patients for whom "nothing can be done."

EBOOK: PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING: PRINCIPLES AND EVIDENCE FOR PRACTICE

McGraw-Hill Education (UK) What can nurses do to support those receiving palliative care? How do you ensure clear communication and maintain patients' and families' preferences? *Palliative Care Nursing* is essential reading for nursing students, nurses and other health and social care professionals providing supportive and palliative care to those with advanced illness or who are towards the end of life. This third edition of the acclaimed textbook has been extensively revised and examines important research studies, key debates around care and strategies to move palliative care nursing forward. In four sections the book covers key elements of nursing practice towards the end of life: • Who is the palliative care patient? • Providing palliative nursing care • Caring around the time of death • Challenging issues in palliative care nursing Leading authors in each of these fields address contemporary issues and explore how to provide high quality person-centred palliative care, encouraging application to practice through exercises case studies. Chapters completely reworked or new for this edition include those on communication, living with uncertainty, bereavement care, the costs of caring, nurses' decision-making and capacity, and palliative care worldwide. The clarity of evidence presented and coverage of a diverse range of topics make this the foundational textbook for all studying palliative care at pre-registration level, postgraduate level or as part of CPD study. With a foreword by last edition editor, Professor Sheila Payne, Lancaster University, UK. "I welcome this third edition of *Palliative Care Nursing* and congratulations to the new team who have provided us with a dynamic and innovative development of a core text for palliative nursing practice. As the largest workforce in palliative care, and given the changing face of clinical practice for nurses, including increased educational opportunity and expanding roles and responsibilities, this book is timely in its focus on critical issues which frame and scope the reality of palliative care and the nursing contribution to that discipline. The learning exercises, in particular, offer tools for educators and clinicians to reflect on practice and understand new ways of knowing in palliative care. It will be an excellent resource for nursing, both in the UK and Ireland and to the wider international audience, having drawn on the breadth of global nursing expertise to bring this book together. Philip Larkin, Professor of Clinical Nursing (Palliative Care), University College Dublin and Our Lady's Hospice and Care Services, Dublin, Ireland; President, European Association for Palliative Care "This is a book of substance that captures the current status of palliative nursing, including the values and research evidence that underpin it. The changing nature of palliative nursing as an evidence-based specialism is balanced with practical skills and insights from experts, and also considers the needs of those working with, or concerned about, the dying person's well-being. It covers a range of challenging issues as well as drawing on the wisdom of those who actually undertake this work on a daily basis. I hope that students and practitioners from all disciplines will find this a useful resource to understand the art and craft of good palliative nursing." Professor Daniel Kelly, Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing and Royal College of Nursing Chair of Nursing Research, Cardiff University, UK

DEATH ATTITUDES AND THE OLDER ADULT

THEORIES CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS

Routledge This innovative and informative new text bridges the fields of gerontology and thanatology.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA

BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

"This book provides a history of Nazi medical euthanasia programs, demonstrating that arguments in their favor were widely embraced by Western medicine before the Third Reich. Contributors find significant continuities between history and current physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia and urge caution about their legalization or implementation"--

UNDERSTANDING ASSISTED SUICIDE

NINE ISSUES TO CONSIDER

University of Michigan Press Understanding Assisted Suicide provides both a fresh take on this important topic and the context of intelligent participation in the discussion. Uniquely, John Mitchell frames the issue using his own experience of watching both his parents die, which led him to ask fundamental questions about death, dying, religion, and the role of medicine and technology in alleviating human suffering.

CASE STUDIES IN NURSING ETHICS

Jones & Bartlett Learning Rev. ed. of: Case studies in nursing ethics / Robert M. Veach, Sara T. Fry. 1987.

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

LESSONS FROM BELGIUM

Cambridge University Press In this book, a global panel of experts considers the international implications of legalised euthanasia based on experiences from Belgium.

CASE STUDIES IN NURSING ETHICS

Jones & Bartlett Learning Important Notice: The digital edition of this book is missing some of the images or content found in the physical edition. As the healthcare professional in closest contact with both the patient and the physician, nurses face biomedical ethical problems in unique ways. Accordingly, Case Studies in Nursing Ethics presents basic ethical principles and specific guidance for applying these principles in nursing practice, through analysis of over 150 actual case study conflicts that have occurred in nursing practice. Each case study allows readers to develop their own approaches to the resolution of ethical conflict and to reflect on how the traditions of ethical thought and professional guidelines apply to the situation. The Fourth Edition has been completely revised and updated. It includes two new chapters, one on Moral Integrity and Moral Distress which contains AACN model of moral distress and work and one on Respect which addresses several aspects of the general problem of showing r

THE EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED-SUICIDE DEBATE

ABC-CLIO This revealing volume explores recent historical perspectives on the modern euthanasia and assisted-suicide debate and the political arenas in which it has unfolded. * Case studies explain contemporary legal techniques in the handling of euthanasia and assisted-suicide prosecutions, including those involving doctors, nurses, and family members * A chronology shows political events and major cases of medical euthanasia and assisted suicide over the past 100 years * A glossary explains key terms, such as "causation," "intent," "palliative care," and "double effect" * An interdisciplinary bibliography cites significant materials from the fields of history, law, and sociology, as well as major medical journal articles

EUTHANASIA: SEARCHING FOR THE FULL STORY

EXPERIENCES AND INSIGHTS OF BELGIAN DOCTORS AND NURSES

Springer Nature This open access book has been written by ten Belgian health care professionals, nurses, university professors and doctors specializing in palliative care and ethicists who, together, raise questions concerning the practice of euthanasia. They share their experiences and reflections born out of their confrontation with requests for euthanasia and end-of-life support in a country where euthanasia has been decriminalized since 2002 and is now becoming a trivial topic. Far from evoking any militancy, these stories of life and death present the other side of a reality needs to be evaluated more rigorously. Featuring multidisciplinary perspectives, this though-provoking and original book is intended not only for caregivers but also for anyone who questions the meaning of death and suffering, as well as the impact of a law passed in 2002. Presenting real-world cases and experiences, it highlights the complexity of situations and the consequences of the euthanasia law. This book appeals to palliative care providers, hematologists, oncologists, psychiatrists, nurses and health professionals as well as researchers, academics, policy-makers, and social scientists working in health care. It is also a unique resource for those in countries where the decriminalization of euthanasia is being considered. Sometimes shocking, it focuses on facts and lived experiences to challenge readers and offer insights into euthanasia in Belgium.

ASSISTED DEATH IN EUROPE AND AMERICA

FOUR REGIMES AND THEIR LESSONS

Oxford University Press Advances in medical treatment now enable physicians to prolong life to a previously unknown

extent, however in many instances these new techniques mean not the saving of life but prolonging the act of dying. In the eyes of many, medical technology has run out of control and contributes to unnecessary suffering. Hence the demand has arisen that patients should be entitled to choose death when pain and physical and mental deterioration have destroyed the possibility of a dignified and meaningful life and that their doctors should help them to realize this endeavor. At the present time there are seven jurisdictions in the world that, with various restrictions, have legalized the practice of assisted death -- physician-assisted suicide and/or voluntary euthanasia - to wit, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland in Europe and the states of Oregon, Washington and Montana in the United States. Four of these regimes - in the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and the state of Oregon -- have been functioning for many years, and we have for them a substantial body of data as well as much observational research. This book is based upon this material. The literature dealing with the moral, legal and social aspects of assisted death is voluminous, but there is a paucity of writing that provides a detailed account of the way these four regimes are actually working. Many partisans, on both sides of the issue, cite existing data selectively or, at times, willfully distort the empirical evidence in order to strengthen their case. Based on the documentary record and interviews with officials and scholars, this book seeks to give the specialist as well as the general interested reader a reliable picture of the way assisted death functions and to draw relevant lessons. While accurate factual information cannot settle a moral debate, it nevertheless is a precondition of any well-founded argument. 'The author speaks authoritatively about the issues he addresses. I think this book does make an important contribution to the field. It will be of interest to students and scholars of PAS as a source of information and reference. I definitely recommend publication.' Stuart Youngner, Department of Bioethics, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine 'The information collected here makes an important contribution to the literature on PAS because it collects a broad array of relevant information into a single volume. It is interesting and enlightening. This will make the book a valuable resource for anyone interested in the subject and an especially useful resource for academics who study or teach about the issues.' Rosamond Rhodes, Director, Bioethics Education, Mt Sinai School of Medicine

"DYING, ASSISTED DEATH AND MOURNING"

BRILL Dying and death are topics of deep humane concern for many people in a variety of circumstances and contexts. However, they are not discussed to any great extent or with sufficient focus in order to gain knowledge and understanding of their major features and aspects. The present volume is an attempt to bridge the undesirable gap between what should be known and understood about dying and death and what is easily accessible. Included in the present volume are chapters arranged in three sections. First, there are chapters on aspects of dying, written by people who have professional experience and personal insights into the nature of the processes at work and the ways it should be treated. Secondly, there are chapters on assisted death (Euthanasia) that illuminate the practices involved in the professional assistance given to persons who suffer from an incurable illness and who do not want their painful life to be medically extended. Thirdly, there are chapters on mourning, examined in a variety of cultural contexts. These provide insights for different ways of maintaining the presence of the dead in the life of the living: "life in the hearts".

NURSES AND MIDWIVES IN NAZI GERMANY

THE "EUTHANASIA PROGRAMS"

Routledge This book is about the ethics of nursing and midwifery, and how these were abrogated during the Nazi era. Nurses and midwives actively killed their patients, many of whom were disabled children and infants and patients with mental (and other) illnesses or intellectual disabilities. The book gives the facts as well as theoretical perspectives as a lens through which these crimes can be viewed. It also provides a way to teach this history to nursing and midwifery students, and, for the first time, explains the role of one of the world's most historically prominent midwifery leaders in the Nazi crimes.

ASSISTED DYING FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL BILL (HL)

The Stationery Office The Bill was published as HLB 4, session 2004-05 (ISBN 01084188390). This volume contains a selection of the 14,000 personal letters and other submissions received by the Committee with regards to their inquiry into the Bill.

EUTHANASIA AND THE RIGHT TO DIE

EUTHANASIA, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

AN ARGUMENT AGAINST LEGALISATION

Cambridge University Press A consideration of the 'slippery slope' objection to voluntary euthanasia, including a review of the Dutch experience.

NURSING EDUCATION IN THANATOLOGY

A CURRICULUM CONTINUUM

Routledge Nursing Education in Thanatology is an excellent source book for planning thanatology courses or for integrating concepts of thanatology into a nursing curriculum. As the formal teaching of thanatology in schools for

health care professionals is generally overlooked and ill-defined, many students and professionals will learn to deal with dying and grieving upon their first encounter with death. This practical book will aid educators in planned inclusion of thanatology in curriculum to insure the preparedness of health care professionals in assisting patients and/or their families during an emotionally difficult period. There are many suggestions presented for beneficial methods of integrating thanatology education into existing courses or offering thanatology as a single course for education professionals. A vital resource for inservice coordinators working with clinicians in oncology, hospital staff, and health professionals in community or outpatient health centers, *Nursing Education in Thanatology* is excellent reading for helping professionals working with elderly people.

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS

UNDERSTANDING AND OPTIMIZING QUALITY OF LIFE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING

Oxford University Press *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)* is a devastating neurodegenerative disorder with a progressive and fatal course, with no known medical therapies that can reverse the disease or halt its progression. Palliative care is the mainstay of disease management, aimed at maximizing Quality Of Life (QOL) for the patient and caregiver. Clinicians caring for patients with ALS need to understand complex psychological issues in the patient and caregiver, including depression, anxiety, hopelessness, and wish for hastened death (physician-assisted suicide). They also need to confront the psychological implications of rapidly advancing genetic research, the impact of cognitive and behavioural dysfunction in a sizable minority of ALS patients, and caregiver burnout. Healthcare providers can optimize care by better understanding not only these factors, but by learning how to facilitate their management with problem-solving, coping techniques, and with psychologically-based approaches such as mindfulness and other non-pharmacological approaches aimed at maximizing QOL. *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Understanding and Optimizing Quality of Life and Psychological Well-Being* provides a detailed review and evaluation of ALS, presented in a comprehensive and integrated fashion. The book achieves this through detailed and up-to-date information about the current state of knowledge in this field. It also offers new insights regarding future directions for research. This book will provide clinicians with a comprehensive description of the psychological aspects of ALS and their management, and incorporates chapters written by recognized scholars in their respective fields.

SEDUCED BY DEATH

DOCTORS, PATIENTS, AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

W. W. Norton & Company Examines the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide that has been in common practice in the Netherlands for more than twenty years, and explores the implications for patients, their families, and medical practitioners

DEMENTIA AND SOCIETY

Cambridge University Press Integrates multidisciplinary knowledge of dementia and essential societal topics to improve quality of life for persons with dementia. Discusses perspectives from a variety of disciplines including medicine, nursing, economics and literary studies, reminding the reader that a better future for persons with dementia is a collective responsibility.

HANDBOOK OF PSYCHIATRY IN PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

Oxford University Press, USA This work complements the *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Medicine* and *The Handbook of Psychooncology*. Topics include the role of psychiatry in terminal care, diagnosis and management of depression, suicide in the terminally ill, pain management, the nature of suffering in terminal illness, and psychotherapeutic interventions. The book also takes into consideration new directions for psychosocial palliative care research.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DYING

THE CASE FOR PALLIATIVE CARE AND PATIENT CHOICE

JHU Press In this volume, a distinguished group of physicians, ethicists, lawyers, and activists come together to present the case for the legalization of physician-assisted dying, for terminally ill patients who voluntarily request it. To counter the arguments and assumptions of those opposed to legalization of assisted suicide, the contributors examine ethical arguments concerning self-determination and the relief of suffering; analyze empirical data from Oregon and the Netherlands; describe their personal experiences as physicians, family members, and patients; assess the legal and ethical responsibilities of the physician; and discuss the role of pain, depression, faith, and dignity in this decision. Together, the essays in this volume present strong arguments for the ethical acceptance and legal recognition of the practice of physician-assisted dying as a last resort -- not as an alternative to excellent palliative care but as an important possibility for patients who seek it.

LITERATURE SEARCH

EUTHANASIA IN THE NETHERLANDS

THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF MERCY KILLING

Springer Science & Business Media The Dutch experience has influenced the debate on euthanasia and death with dignity around the globe, especially with regard to whether physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia should be legitimized or legalized. A review of the literature reveals complex and often contradictory views about the Dutch experience. Some claim that the Netherlands offers a model for the world to follow; others believe that the Netherlands represents danger, rather than promise, and that the Dutch experience is the definitive answer regarding why we should not make active euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide part of our lives. Given these contradictory views, it has become clear that fieldwork is essential to developing a more informed opinion. Having investigated the Dutch experience for a number of years, and after thoroughly reading the vast literature published in English, I went to the Netherlands for one month in the summer of 1999 to get a feel for the local situation. I felt that this would provide the basis on which I could better interpret the findings of the available literature. I visited the major centers of medical ethics, as well as some research hospitals, and spoke with leading figures in the euthanasia policy and practice. The time spent was extremely beneficial and enriching. I followed in the footsteps of Carlos Gomez, who published a book following one month of extensive research in the Netherlands.

EUTHANASIA, ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

AN ARGUMENT AGAINST LEGALISATION

Cambridge University Press A unique, documented case against the legalisation of 'assisted dying', based mainly on empirical and logical 'slippery slope' concerns.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR NURSES WITH INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS

Nursesbooks.org Pamphlet is a succinct statement of the ethical obligations and duties of individuals who enter the nursing profession, the profession's nonnegotiable ethical standard, and an expression of nursing's own understanding of its commitment to society. Provides a framework for nurses to use in ethical analysis and decision-making.

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PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING

QUALITY CARE TO THE END OF LIFE

Springer Publishing Company Annotation Offering a blend of holistic and humanistic caring coupled with aggressive management of pain and symptoms associated with advanced disease, this resource is organized around 15 competencies in palliative care developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, with each chapter outlining specific skills needed to achieve each competency.

HANDBOOK OF DEATH AND DYING

SAGE Review: "More than 100 scholars contributed to this carefully researched, well-organized, informative, and multi-disciplinary source on death studies. Volume 1, "The Presence of Death," examines the cultural, historical, and societal frameworks of death, such as the universal fear of death, spirituality and various religions, the legal definition of death, suicide, and capital punishment. Volume 2, "The Response to Death," covers such topics as rites and ceremonies, grief and bereavement, and legal matters after death."--"The Top 20 Reference Titles of the Year," American Libraries, May 2004.

RELIGION, RELIGIOUS ETHICS AND NURSING

Springer Publishing Company Print+CourseSmart

MANUAL OF CRITICAL CARE NURSING - E-BOOK

NURSING INTERVENTIONS AND COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT

Elsevier Health Sciences It's the ideal go-to reference for the clinical setting! Compact and easy to use, Manual of Critical Care Nursing, 6th Edition presents essential information on approximately 80 disorders and conditions, as well as concepts relevant to caring for all critically ill patients and functioning in the critical care environment. Award-winning clinical nurse specialists Marianne Baird and Sue Bethel separate the content first by body system and then by disorder, with each disorder including a brief description of pathophysiology, assessment, diagnostic testing, collaborative management, nursing diagnoses, desired outcomes, nursing interventions, and patient teaching and rehabilitation. A concise format presents the material in a way that reflects a practicing nurse's thought processes. Coverage of approximately 80 critical care conditions/disorders includes those most commonly seen in critical care units. Chapter outlines provide easy access to disorders. A portable size makes it ideal for use in the unit or bedside, and is also easy to carry on campus. Unique! Gerontology icon highlights considerations relating to the care of older adults. Unique! Research briefs in special boxes discuss selected research studies for evidence-based patient care. Unique! The latest NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses increase familiarity with NANDA terminology. Appendixes provide quick reference to information needed in the critical care setting. Revised format mirrors a practicing nurse's approach to patient care, making it easier to find information. Newly formatted care plans incorporate diagnoses,

interventions, and desired outcomes in a consistent, logical organization. Patient safety alerts and high alerts call attention to issues important to a patient's safety. Unique! Diagnostic Tests tables highlight the definition, purpose, and abnormal findings for each test. Unique! Collaborative Management tables concisely summarize key points while incorporating nationally recognized guidelines. Colored tabs mark the location of each body system, making topics easier to find. Smaller trim size increases portability for use in the unit or bedside, while enhancing readability.

ARGUING EUTHANASIA

THE CONTROVERSY OVER MERCY KILLING, ASSISTED SUICIDE, AND THE "RIGHT TO DIE"

Simon and Schuster Essays discuss the legal and ethical issues related to physician-assisted suicide, the work of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, and lethal prescriptions for the terminally ill

BIOETHICS

A RETURN TO FUNDAMENTALS

Oxford University Press An updated and expanded successor to Culver and Gert's *Philosophy in Medicine*, this book integrates moral philosophy with clinical medicine to present a comprehensive summary of the theory, concepts, and lines of reasoning underlying the field of bioethics. Rather than concentrating narrowly on bioethics and investigating moral philosophy only marginally, the authors provide an explicit account of common morality and show how it applies to and is modified by the realities of clinical medicine. Such broader knowledge finds its specific practical application when one attempts to resolve the more complex and difficult cases. This book does not attempt to settle all controversial matters, but rather provides an ethical framework that various parties to the dispute can accept and use as a basis for reaching agreement. Thus, the authors' main goal is to facilitate ethical discussion. Their detailed analyses of death and disease maintain the theoretical objectivity of these concepts while recognizing their central role in social and medical practices. They also provide in-depth discussions of the central concepts and issues in bioethics: competence, consent, justification for moral rule violations, and confidentiality. Paternalism, one of the most pervasive problems in clinical medicine, is accorded special attention. All these concepts have been integrated and systematically grounded within common morality. The book is richly illustrated with discussions of clinical cases. The authors explicitly compare their position with other accounts of bioethics such as principlism, casuistry, and virtue theory. Their discussion of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide clarifies and evaluates the recent legal decisions on these topics. The arguments throughout the volume stand out with characteristic clarity and cogency. A fresh and all-encompassing approach to bioethics that does not shy away from controversy, *Bioethics: A Return to Fundamentals* will interest not only students in philosophy of medicine and medical ethics courses, but also moral philosophers and bioethicists, as well as doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals.

EUTHANASIA

THE "GOOD DEATH" CONTROVERSY IN HUMANS AND ANIMALS

BoD - Books on Demand No one really wants to die, or do they? From classical times to our post-modern era of medical high tech, societies have struggled with the thorny issue of euthanasia, and what it entails. Who shall be entitled to a "good death" and in what form shall it arrive? This book provides the reader with insight and enlightenment on the medical, philosophical, social, cultural and existential aspects of "good death" amid our digitized, individualized and ageing society, hampered by rising health care costs but unchained from one standardized level of care.

EUTHANASIA AND PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

Cambridge University Press Explores the moral and factual issues of the legalization of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide

NEUROBIOLOGY OF RESPIRATION

Springer Science & Business Media Respiration is an area of the medical study that undergoes fast developments. A better understanding of the neural and cellular mechanisms underlying respiratory disorders and lung function is essential for the evidence-based pharmacotherapy and for optimizing the patient care and prophylactic measures to improve the health and quality of life. This comprehensive book is a blend of basic and clinical research. The book is thought to promote the translation of science into clinical practice. The book presents an update on the areas of current research and clinical interest in the neurobiology of the respiratory system. Recent innovations in detection and management of respiratory diseases are described. The book will be a base of reference in the field of respiration for years to come and a source of future research ideas. This book is a required text for respiratory scientists, neuropathologists, and for clinicians searching for 'bench to bedside' treatments of lung diseases.

OXFORD TEXTBOOK OF PALLIATIVE NURSING

Oxford University Press, USA This landmark text is the key resource for nurses working in the field of palliative care. Edited by renowned nursing experts, and written by a dynamic team of internationally known authorities in nursing and palliative medicine, the *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing* covers the gamut of principles of care from the time of initial diagnosis of a terminal disease to the end of a patient's life and beyond. The text is distinctively developed to

highlight the nurse's vital role as part of an integrated palliative care team. Various care settings are discussed including the hospital, ICU, home care, and hospice. Chapters focus on the practical aspects of nursing care, including symptom assessment, patient teaching, family support, psychosocial aspects of palliation, and spiritual care. New to the fourth edition are chapters on the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care Guidelines, palliative care of veterans, palliative care in rural settings, disaster situations, palliative care in Eastern Europe, and palliative care in the Philippines.