Essential Elements of Blogging: A Workshop
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Medical Futility Blog

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Roadmap

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Welcome to Medical Futility Blog

I have been researching legal issues concerning medical futility disputes for the past few years. I have noticed that interest in the issue is widespread. Therefore, I plan to blog about judicial, legislative, medical, and scholarly developments.

Posted 8th July 2007 by Theodore Mason Pope, JD, PhD

~5000 posts

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End-of-life

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Why

The New York Times

RTL
disability
sustenance. That’s homicide by neglect.

Don’t take my word for it. The influential bioethicist Thaddeus Mason Pope wrote about the law:

Where
Viewpoint

July 24/31, 2018

The 50-Year Legacy of the Harvard Report on Brain Death

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3 Types of Posts

1. Announcements

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Timothy Farrell presented a tremendous one-hour talk on unrepresented patients at the September 2019 University of Utah Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds.

The video for "What Becomes of Unbefriended Patients? Clinical, Policy, and Systems Approaches" is available here.

HELPFUL APPROACHES TO CARING FOR THE UNBEFRIENDED

Brief commentary

100 words

The Supreme Court of Texas has denied the petition for review in Kelly v. Houston Methodist Hospital. This ends a valiant, long-running attempt to challenge the constitutionality of the Texas Advance Directives Act.

Given the mootness doctrine constraints in Texas, it will be difficult to have the state courts review TADA. The patient in any case will likely die before a court could reach the merits.
If you are looking for an accessible primer on ethical and legal issues in a wide range of end-of-life medical interventions, check out "Ethical and Legal Considerations in End-of-Life Care" in the September 2019 issue of Primary Care: Clinics in Office Practice.

In caring for dying patients, family medicine practitioners intentionally adopt care plans that affect the manner and timing of death. These decisions can be difficult for patients and families, and may involve complex ethical considerations. Understanding the legal and ethical landscape surrounding end-of-life care is essential for providers who care for patients in the final stages of life.

Longer commentary

200-400 words

Over the past week, I have blogged about some of the 2019 medical futility disputes that were resolved by the Ontario Consent & Capacity Board. Here is another one.

In VB, the family of a 71-year-old patient refused consent to the proposed palliative treatment plan that included removal from ventilator. The CCB sided with the clinicians, finding that the substitute decision makers found it difficult to find that "death was a benefit for..."
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Where to blog

Bigger posts
Where

Bigger & better
Think placement

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