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METHODS OF EUTHANASIA

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Euthanasia is also known as an assisted suicide or mercy killing. The doctor takes certain measures to alleviate the suffering of the hopelessly ill. As a rule, people resort to euthanasia to alleviate their suffering. This term was introduced by F. Bacon. He believed that "the duty of the physician is not only to save life but to relieve suffering, even when there is no hope".

There are two types of euthanasia. Passive euthanasia is an intentional termination of treatment. Active one means the introduction of drugs or other actions that will provide a patient with quick and painless death.

Early euthanasia was common in most European countries and enjoyed great popularity, however, the Hippocratic oath contains a prohibition on assistance in the departure from life.

In most countries euthanasia is strictly prohibited and punishable by law as a murder. But in some states it is believed that a patient has freedom of will, especially if he is terminally ill. No one wants to spend his last minutes with horrible pain.

In 2002 the Netherlands became the first country where euthanasia became legal. In April 2002 "Law on the termination of life on request and assistance with suicide" was signed. In accordance with the requirements, a patient must be terminally ill, suffer from terrible pain and have no chance to recover.

Euthanasia is legalized in some countries, such as Scotland, Belgium, Canada, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and some US states. In these countries people believe that it is better to go easy than slowly and painfully die.

The problem of euthanasia is one of the biggest problems of bioethics. Legal, religious and moral aspects become stumbling blocks. The main argument "pro" is a departure from suffering. The main argument “contra” is a murder or suicide.

There are many films which highlight the problem of euthanasia. For example, "The Sea Inside" (2004), "You don't know Jack?" (2010), "How to die in Oregon" (2011), "Surprise" (2015), Lobster (2015), "Me before you" (2016).

It is impossible to say euthanasia is good or bad, and whether or not to legalize it. Each person has his own opinion. Each is a master of his fate. We believe that it should allow everyone to make a choice. We have only one life!

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