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Will Oregon Be Medical Suicide Mecca?

Oregon doctors are now allowed to give patients suicide pills even if they don't live in the state. Will Oregon become a medical suicide mecca? Medicine is on a slippery slope. Hippocrates wrote that "[life is sacred](#)" and according to the Hippocratic Oath, a physician never gives his patients any kind of herb to soothe his pain "if it might take away his breath" "even if he begs for it."

As we've seen in [Europe](#), countries that embrace indirect euthanasia move easily into [explicit euthanasia](#), including for patients simply unhappy with life. Oregon recommends that death certificates report the underlying illness as the cause of death and [mark the manner of death as "natural."](#) There is nothing *natural* about suicide and there is something distinctly *unnatural* about doctors helping patients kill themselves.

"Medically Assisted Suicide in Oregon is No Longer Limited to Residents,"
Madeline Fitzgerald, U.S. News and World Report, March 29, 2022:
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