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Tell AMA to Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide

The American Medical Association may drop its opposition to physician-assisted suicide. One medical ethicist gives this analogy to point out the problem of doctors helping patients kill themselves: If you were dying and you knew your doctor owned a gun that was locked up in his office, and you asked to use the gun, would it be ethical for the doctor to give you the gun to help you commit suicide? Is he obligated to let you use it?

One psychiatrist opposes the view that patients have a “right to suicide” because it imposes obligations on others, such as doctors and pharmacists, to help patients kill themselves. The right to suicide can also pressure the most vulnerable to end it all. Tell the AMA to say no to physician-assisted suicide.


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