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Baby Joseph Flees Canada

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

In February a one-year old child was given a death sentence by a Canadian hospital and court. “Baby Joseph” has a progressive neurological condition.

The hospital called his condition fatal and planned to remove the child’s breathing tube and let him die. A Canadian Superior Court judge sanctioned the removal of the breathing tube, but his parents refused to comply.

After round-the-clock negotiations, Baby Joseph was transferred by Priests for Life to a hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

On March 21, the child received a tracheotomy, which will allow mechanical ventilation. He will be sent home and cared for by his family. The Catholic hospital called the tracheotomy tube “ordinary” medical treatment with a reasonable hope of benefit.

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“‘Baby Joseph’ likely to have surgery within days, hospital says,” Sabriya Rice, CNN, March 15, 2011.