

TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS AND “END OF LIFE DECISION TOOLS” IN INDIAN CONTEXT

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ABSTRACT:-

Terminally ill patients, often in vegetative state and no chance of recovery, are kept alive artificially on life support systems. The patient, who is usually severely incapacitated, does not have any control over the kind of treatment he would wish or not wish to have in such a situation. Many countries have enacted or are in the process of enacting laws in this regard. The feasibility of having such a law , giving “End of Life Decision Tools” to patients in India have been discussed.

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