

APA Official Actions

Position Statement on Medical Euthanasia

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POSITION:

The American Psychiatric Association, in concert with the American Medical Association’s position on Medical Euthanasia, holds that a psychiatrist should not prescribe or administer any intervention to a non-terminally ill person for the purpose of causing death.

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The Joint Reference Committee, stemming from an action paper from the Assembly.