

Key points

- Legislation is currently under proposal in the UK to legalise physician assisted dying.
- The debate regarding physician assisted death is complex involving many legal, ethical, medical, sociocultural, personal, and religious issues.
- Both proponents and opposers of assisted death are able to use fundamental bioethical principles to support their argument: autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice
- The medical profession and wider society as a whole remains divided as to whether physician

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