

Study Guide for Fundamentals of Ethics

Chapter 8: Euthanasia

1. State the difference between whole brain death and persistent vegetative state.
2. Differentiate between active and passive euthanasia.
3. Explain physician-assisted suicide.
4. Discuss the pain medication that causes death action, and how the principle of double effect is used in its justification.
5. Explain the difference between ordinary and extraordinary measures of life support.
6. Distinguish between voluntary and nonvoluntary euthanasia.
7. Explain the six types of euthanasia.
8. Distinguish between the legal and moral issues concerning euthanasia.
9. Discuss the moral significance of voluntariness using both consequentialist and nonconsequentialist considerations.
10. Discuss the morality of active versus passive euthanasia using both consequentialist and nonconsequentialist considerations.
11. Formulate your own opinion about the morality of euthanasia.

Key Terms

Death	Brain Dead	Persistent Vegetative State
Coma	Active Euthanasia	Passive Euthanasia
Ordinary	Extraordinary	Mercy Killing
Voluntary	Nonvoluntary	Privacy
Autonomy	Advance Directive	Living Will
Benefit	Slippery Slope	Durable Power of Attorney
Burden	Consequentialist	Nonconsequentialist