
Ethics in Medicine: Solving medical problems related to death

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Abstract

This presentation considers a number of ethically controversial problems in the field of medicine today, such as dying with dignity, organ transplants, artificial insemination and the increasing lack of trust in medical science. It is suggested that such problems cannot be solved through an exclusively medical approach, but rather require community-wide participation in discussions concerning death, the nature of the human soul, and life after death. Through such discussions, community members can become more independent in their thinking in relation to medical problems, and develop the ability to make informed decisions for themselves. Participants in such discussions also become familiar with philosophical and religious concepts which help to provide a basis for understanding of, disease and death, universal human processes which are best approached through the mediation of a community whose members are united by a common philosophy and faith.