

SEMINAR 5

EUTHANASIA - DEFINITION, ACTIVE AND PASSIVE EUTHANASIA. ETHICAL ISSUES OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE.

Objective of the seminar 5:

To provide students with a guiding framework of considering ethical dilemmas arising in the termination of life and to enable students to identify and discuss the issue of euthanasia.

Enabling objectives:

At the end of the seminar students should be able to:

1. Give definition of euthanasia.
2. Distinguish different types of euthanasia.
3. Discuss arguments for and against the active euthanasia.
4. Explain the difference between euthanasia and physician assisted suicide.

Syllabus of the seminar:

1. Euthanasia - definition, historical aspects.
2. Types of euthanasia:
 - A. Voluntary and non-voluntary
 - B. Active and passive
3. Active euthanasia - arguments for and against.
4. Assisted suicide.
5. Euthanasia and law.

Practical work:

1. Discussion of *video film*.
2. Discussion of case vignettes.

Required previous knowledge:

- Readings in Bioethics. Silviya Aleksandrova-Yankulovska. Publishing Centre of Medical University of Pleven, 2016, **pp. 143-155**
- Lecture material