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Letter to the Editor

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Subject: Essay on Death With Dignity by Charles Hamlin, MD

Dear Sir,

The essay was concise and rational. I was impressed at how it respected the individual's freedom of choice. Despite this I have seen, as a physician, that it is problematic if the family is not in accord. The topic deserves this type of attention and discussion. Moreover, in this era of "scientific medicine" there are SO many examples of individuals (and their families) passing through this chapter with nightmarish experiences of prolonged chemotherapy, pain, loss of dignity, etc.

Sincerely,

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