Euthanasia and PAS: The Common Law

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Outline

- "Euthanasia": voluntary; non-voluntary; involuntary; unrequested
- Physician-assisted suicide
- Intention

Withholding/withdrawing life-preserving treatment

- competent patients
- incompetent patients

Challenges to the prohibition in other common law jurisdictions

- in the US
- in Canada
- in Australia
- Conclusion

Some suggested reading

John Keown (ed), Euthanasia Examined (Cambridge UP, 1995)
The Law and Ethics of Medicine (Oxford UP, 2012)
Debating Euthanasia (with Emily Jackson) (Hart, 2012)
"Debating Euthanasia: A Reply to Emily Jackson" in Mark Henaghan and Jesse Wall (eds), Law, Ethics and Medicine (ThomsonReuters, 2016)