

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 England
 - ▶ in Parliament
 - ▶ in the courts
- ▶ Challenges to the prohibition in other common law jurisdictions
 - ▶ in the US
 - ▶ in Canada
 - ▶ in Australia
- ▶ Conclusion

Some suggested reading

Neil M Gorsuch, *The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia* (Princeton UP, 2006)

John Keown (ed), *Euthanasia Examined* (Cambridge UP, 1995)

Euthanasia, Ethics and Public Policy (Cambridge UP, 2002; 2nd ed 2018)

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
Hemphill and Jesse Wall (eds), *Law, Ethics and Medicine*
(ThomsonReuters, 2016)