



- 1) 'Physician-assisted death' is the catch-all phrase for any clinical treatment involving ending a life.
- 2) The clearest way to distinguish AE from PE is the direct cause of death. In PE, the patient dies of her illness, whereas in AE the patient dies from some treatment designed to kill her (usually a drug). While some say the distinction is between killing and letting die, this can be misleading.
- 3) 'Physician-assisted suicide' occurs when the patient self-administers the lethal drug.