

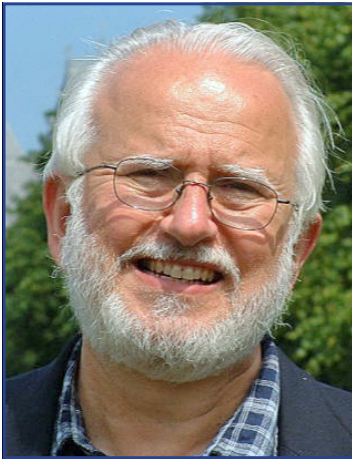
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Decisions at the End of Life: The Illusion of Control and Sense of Responsibility

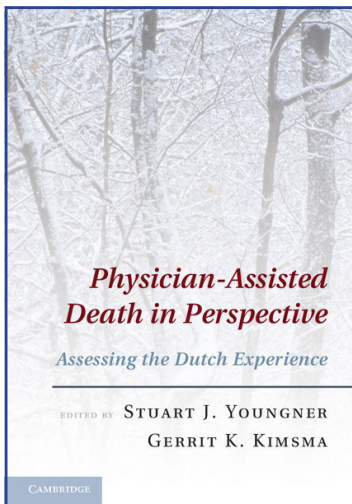
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More than 2 million people die every year in the United States, almost always in the presence of life-sustaining medical technology. An overwhelming consensus exists that sometimes the choices posed by medical technology make death the least worst alternative. Yet, choosing death or letting go is often a painful and contentious business. Dr. Youngner will explore some of the ways our society and others are coping with this unavoidable dilemma.



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