

Can Palliative Surgery Be Unethical?

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Short Answer

YES

Simple Guide

- If this was my mother what would I want for her?
- What are motives for the care offered?
- Am I prolonging life beyond reason?
- Are we allowed to Kill? No!
- If the answer was yes: where would we draw the line?

Lack of Ethics vs Negligence

- Behaving immorally as apposed to illegally.
 - How should the reasonable physician behave
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- How should the reasonable physician managed...
 - How were you brought up?

Concepts of Consent

- Khubler Ross.
- What is the patient's frame of reference?
- Do they understand and accept the circumstances?
- As the clinician YOU MUST MAKE THE DECISION
- Don't leave family guilt ridden with a decision left with them

Gauteng: Where are we?

- A divided society: is that ethical?
- If I offer all that opens and shuts to one and not to another...
- Acceptable in a capitalistic society
- May be understandable in terms of market pressures

BUT

- Is this fair play in the sand pit?

The Processes that define us

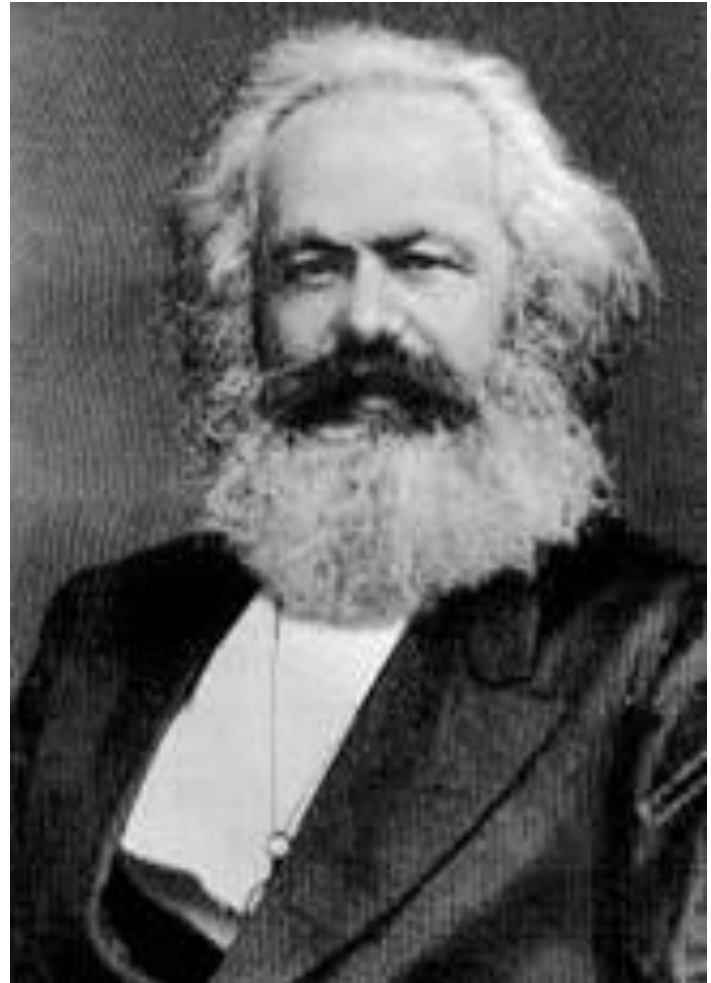
- Fee for service or the Temple of Mannon.
- An inspiration or the work of the Devil.
- At best stimulates hard work and competition
- At worst predisposes to greed.
- Greedy doctors find it tuff to behave ethically

What ever Society you are from



Government Service

- At best: the Dr's ideal circumstance
- At worst:
- It doesn't matter what I do
- I knock off at 4 so don't bother me after 1:30...
You here me!



How we Develop Resources

