

L'etica delle cure al paziente con demenza

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Abstract: The paper comments on the essay by H.T. Engelhardt jr. published in the collection *Viaggi in Italia. Saggi di bioetica: "Vecchiaia, eutanasia e diversità morale"* (1994). In particular, the following three issues shall be analysed: 1) the lawfulness of limiting aggressive treatments (eg. artificial nutrition) in patients with dementia in the later stages of the disease; 2) the lawfulness of the suspension of artificial hydration and nutrition when such patients come to the final stages, and 3) the validity of advance directives for active euthanasia.

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