

Appendix 1

Norwegian nurses' attitudes towards assisted dying: A cross-sectional study

Definitions on assisted dying and questionnaire translated from Norwegian to English.

A Dutch definition in an edited form is applied on assisted dying:

Euthanasia is defined as an act with a physician intentionally killing a person by injecting drugs, at that person's voluntary and competent request. *Physician-assisted suicide* is conducted by a physician who intentionally helps a person to commit suicide by providing drugs for self-administration, at that person's voluntary and competent request. (Griffiths J, Weyers H, Adams M, editors. *Euthanasia and Law in Europe*. Oxford: Hart Publishing; 2008). These definitions are used in NOBAS (Magelssen et al. 2015)

Example on euthanasia: to inject a lethal injection on the patient's incitement.

Example on physician-assisted suicide: facilitating medication so that the patient can swallow or inject the medication himself.

Questions 1-8: Norwegian Bioethics Attitude Survey (NOBAS) (Magelssen et al. 2015).

Questions 9-15: added in this study.

Please consider the following statements:	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree or Disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Total n=205
1. Physician-assisted suicide should be allowed for persons who have a terminal illness with short life expectancy	60 (30%)	12 (6%)	16 (8%)	65 (32%)	49 (24%)	n=202 (100%)
2. Euthanasia should be allowed for persons who have a terminal illness with short life expectancy	66 (32%)	28 (9%)	22 (11%)	56 (28%)	42 (21%)	n=204 (100%)
3. Assisted dying should also be allowed for persons who have an incurable chronic disease but who are not dying	83 (41%)	32 (16%)	29 (14%)	41 (20%)	20 (10%)	n=205 (100%)
4. Assisted dying should be allowed for persons who have a mental illness	120 (59%)	41 (20%)	27 (13%)	11 (5%)	3 (2%)	n=202 (100%)
5. Assisted dying should be allowed for persons who do not suffer from serious illness, but who are tired of life and want to die	150 (74%)	30 (15%)	15 (7%)	8 (4%)	1 (1%)	n=204 (100%)
6. The legalization of assisted dying may result in weak groups experiencing pressure to request for assisted dying	25 (12%)	24 (12%)	32 (16%)	74 (36%)	49 (24%)	n=204 (100%)
7. Instead of allowing assisted dying, we should develop and expand the provision of palliative care to the dying	7 (3%)	14 (7%)	29 (14%)	44 (22%)	111 (54%)	n=205 (100%)

8. Treatment limitation can sometimes be the right decision, to avoid a distressing prolongation of the dying process	4 (2%)	2 (1%)	6 (3%)	28 (14%)	164 (80%)	n=204 (100%)
9. I would have used the reservation right if assisted suicide was legal in Norway	34 (17%)	30 (15%)	38 (19%)	33 (16%)	70 (34%)	n=205 (100%)
10. I would have used the reservation right if euthanasia was legal in Norway	32 (16%)	27 (13%)	38 (18%)	33 (16%)	76 (37%)	n=206 (100%)
11. I discuss with other nurses' cases where the patient wants assisted suicide	40 (20%)	19 (9%)	60 (29%)	56 (28%)	29 (14%)	n=204 (100%)
12. I discuss with other nurses' cases where the patient wants euthanasia	38 (19%)	24 (12%)	64 (32%)	49 (24%)	28 (14%)	n=203 (100%)
13. I discuss with physicians' cases where the patient wants assisted suicide	44 (22%)	22 (11%)	66 (33%)	35 (17%)	35 (17%)	n=202 (100%)
14. I discuss with physicians' cases where the patient wants euthanasia	45 (22%)	23 (11%)	67 (33%)	37 (18%)	32 (16%)	n=204 (100%)
15. Have you received a request for help in dying from a terminally ill?	Yes	No				