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The Ethics of Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatment: When is it Permissible, Recommended or Obligatory?

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Clinicians have a fundamental fiduciary duty to patients. This duty ideally involves determining appropriate end of life care, including the use of life-sustaining interventions. Substitute decision-makers (who also are obliged to advocate for a patient's best interest) sometimes request treatment or refuse to withdraw treatment against a team's recommendation. This talk will discuss the nature of such disagreements and provide a rationale and direction for teams to take in the face of such disagreements. I will attempt to address high-tech critical-care interventions and also life-sustaining treatments such as antibiotics and feeding tubes, often seen as "ordinary", but equally as ethically problematic.

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