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Depression
Quality of Life?

active vs passive feeding tube?

Financial resources?

CPR?

Withholding treatment?

DNR?

Who decides?

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Unbearable pain?

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• Compassionate care trumps the need for PAS.
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- The patient must be a resident of Oregon.
- The patient must make a written request to a licensed physician.
- The physician must certify the illness is terminal.
- The physician must determine the request was made voluntarily.
- The physician must inform the patient of the diagnosis, and alternative treatments.
- Another physician must be consulted to confirm the diagnosis.
- Psychiatric consultation must be obtained.
- There must be a 48 hrs. waiting period between the written request and prescribing medication.
- The act also states insurance policies will not be affected.
Oregon Death with Dignity Act prescription recipients and deaths*, 1998-2013

Source: Oregon Health Authority

* as of January 22, 2014
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