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I opposed the "Death With Dignity" legislation and absolutely oppose the proposal to reduce the prescribing to 48 hours. This is horrific.

Are the people who opposed the lethal drug injections for death row inmates as being cruel and inhumane speaking out against this? Is this really "compassionate" to send people with terminal illnesses home with lethal drugs to consume, and attempt to alter the legislation to speed up the prescribing time?

Does anyone talk about the actual dying process with these lethal drugs? What exactly they prescribe?

The NIH has a publication posted on a study titled "The Efficacy and safety of drugs used for 'assisted dying'" dated May 4, 2022.

One excerpt...

"Providers acknowledges that patients who ingest assisted suicide drugs can experience burning, nausea, vomiting and regurgitation, especially if the patient is experiencing difficulty swallowing large volumes of liquid. Nausea, oesophagitis, gastritis, severe dehydration or pathology of the gastrointestinal tract likely interfere with drug absorption.³ This is reflected in the data published by US states such as Oregon, where annual complication rates have been as high as 14.8% and patients are reported to have experienced difficulty swallowing or drug regurgitation, seizures and have even regained consciousness after ingesting the 'lethal' drugs.⁹ "

This legislation should be repealed and we should focus our energy on life and improving life giving and managing care especially for those suffering.