

Seminar on decision making process regarding medical treatment in end of life situations

30 November – 1 December 2010
Room 1, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg

Draft programme

Tuesday 30 November 2010

Morning

9.00-9.30 Registration

9.30 – 9.45 Opening by CDBI Chair

- Scope of the seminar
- Objectives: to clarify concepts, to remove possible misunderstanding, identify convergences and divergences and identify guidance in the decision process (with a view to the elaboration of possible guidelines)

9.45 - 10.40 Session 1 Introduction

9.45 - 10.00 Presentation of the situation and actors concerned

- Medical situations relevant to the notion of end of life
- Nature of the decisions which may be taken
- Place where the person is taken care of
- Actors of the decision

Prof. Eugenius Gefenas (Lithuania)

Lithuanian Bioethics Committee

10.00 - 10.20 Evolution of the way patients in end of life situation are cared for (in time and between countries)

- Shared historical evolution
- International comparison

Prof. Stein Kaasa (Norway)

Professor in Palliative Medicine, Trondheim University Hospital

10.20 - 10.40 What is at stake in the seminar in relation to the principles of the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine

- Articles of the Convention directly concerned:
- Definition of requirements and ethical, deontological principles applicable at the end of life
- ECHR Position

Mrs Isabelle Erny (France), Coordinator

Senior administrative officer

Head of the department of bioethics and patient's rights in the law, ethical and legal support division
Ministry of Health and Sports

10.40 - 11.10 *Break*

11.10 - 12.45 Session 2 : Nature of possible decisions in end of life situations

11.10 – 12.15 **1 - Limitation of treatments and care procedures (Improvement of quality of life) / Withdrawal of treatment:**

2 - Place of palliative care: Palliative care - A right and not an alternative

3 – Alleviation of pain

Prof. Inez de Beaufort (The Netherlands)

Full Professor of Health Care Ethics, Erasmus Medical Centre Rotterdam

Dr Andreas Valentin (Austria)

Medical Director, KA Rudolf Foundation, Vienna

12.15 - 12.45 **Exchanges**

12.45 - 14.30 *Lunch break*

Afternoon

14.30 - 16.30 Session 3 : Person can participation in decision

14.30 -15.00 **1- The person, even though sick, is in full capacity to participate in the decision process**

- Basis for the decision
- Elaboration of the decision

Prof. Vollmann (Germany)

Psychiatrist and Specialist of Ethical Medicine, Institute of Ethical Medicine, Bochum University

15.00 - 15.30 **Exchanges**

15.30 - 16.00 **2 – The person is in a situation that affect or limit his/her capacity to express will**

- Situations concerned
- Involvement of family, close relatives/ compensation of the absence of close relatives and isolation situations
- Taking into account of legal protection systems

Prof. Thérèse St Laurent Gagnon (Canada)

Associate Professor of Paediatrics, University of Montreal

Prof. Özsunay (Turkey)

Professor of Civil Comparative Law and EU Private Law, University Faculty of Law, Istanbul

16.00 - 16.30 **Exchanges**

16.30 - 17.00 *Break*

17.00 -18.00 Session 4 : the person cannot take part in the decision

17.00 – 17.30 **1 - Previously expressed wishes: advanced directives / living will / continuing power of attorney**

Dr Anna Mäki-Petäjä-Leinonen (Finland)

Researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki

Prof. Pablo Simón Lorda (Spain)

Lecturer on Bioethics of the Department of Citizenship & Ethics. Andalusian School of Public Health, Granada

Alzheimer Europe (Patient organisation)

17.30-18.00 **Exchanges**

2nd day – 1 December 2010

9.15- 10.45 (Session 4, continues : the person cannot take part in the decision)

9.15-10.15 **2 - Decision process**
- Situations concerned
- Limits of the decision for a third person and the respective place of the actors

Prof. Emmanuel Agius (Malta)

Faculty of Theology

Prof. Jane Seymour (United Kingdom)

Sue Ryder Care Professor in Palliative and End of Life Studies, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Physiotherapy, University of Nottingham

Prof. Anatoly Zilber (Russian Federation)

Chair of Critical and Respiratory Care Medicine, Republican Hospital of Karelia and Petrozavodsk State University

European Multiple Sclerosis Platform (patient organisation)

10.15-10.45 **Exchanges**

10.45 - 11.15 *Break*

11.15 - 11.45 Conclusions

Early conclusions (identification of possible guidelines) by the General Rapporteur of the seminar

Rapporteurs :

General rapporteur: Dr Regis Aubry (France)

Head of the Department of Pain Management – Palliative Care of the University Hospital of Besançon

Coordinator of the National Programme on Palliative Care Development

Dr Beatrice Gabriela Ioan (Romania)
Bioethics Committee of the Ministry of Health

Dr Takis Vidalis (Greece)
National Bioethics Commission

11.45 – 12.00 **Closing by the CDBI Chair**

14.00 CDBI plenary meeting