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An Alternative to Assisted Suicide

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Legalization of assisted suicide has been put forward as the only way to avoid months of pointless suffering for terminally ill patients. However, refusal of treatment, including refusal of food and fluids, together with palliative care by a physician, is a far better alternative and is already available and legal.

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Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to (1) identify ethical issues regarding assisted suicide and (2) assess alternatives to the proposed practice.

The UM School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The UM School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1 hour in category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Faculty disclosure will be provided.

Nurses: This program meets the criteria for 1 contact hour for nurses. CEUs will be awarded through the University of Miami School of Nursing (FSBN) Provider #27U0166.

Social workers: The Jackson Memorial Hospital Division of Social Work and Discharge Planning is an approved provider (CM-109, Exp. 1/2001) for continuing education for social workers, marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors. This program has been approved for 1 contact hour.

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