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The ethics of assisted suicide

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Background and aims

The current debate on assisted suicide too often generates more heat than light. This meeting will give an opportunity for those concerned to consider the issues and to listen to one another in a safe and reflective environment.

We believe a high level meeting can make a genuine contribution to the current debate. The meeting will allow senior figures on all sides of the debate to give their view in a way that will enable reasoned consideration of the complex issues and conflicts involved. The meeting will be strongly chaired but will allow interaction in a structured way without being hijacked by any one point of view.

Who should attend

The meeting will be open both to doctors and to the lay public. Any who wish to learn about the complexities of the issue, to listen to the views of others and to debate with others within an environment of mutual respect will be welcome. The meeting will be of particular interest to all doctors dealing with those who are dying, and to ethicists.

Programme

10.30 am	Registration and coffee	3.20 pm	Tea break
10.55 am	Welcome address Dr David Misselbrook, Dean, RSM	3.50 pm	Current practical dilemmas
	SESSION ONE		Nursing issues Dr Peter Carter Chief Executive and General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing
Chair:	Professor Margaret Lloyd, President General Practice with Primary Healthcare Section, RSM	4.10 pm	Regulatory issues Sir Graeme Catto
11.00 am	Setting the scene – morning keynote Lord Mackay, House of Lords Principal author of the House of Lords Report	4.30 pm	Two personal viewpoints For: Dr Ann McPherson Against: Baroness Campbell
11.40 am	Holland and Oregon – evidence for a slippery slope Professor David Jones	4.50 pm	Close of meeting and refreshments
12.00 pm	Holland and Oregon – evidence against a slippery slope Professor Bregje D. Onwuteaka-Philipsen Institute for Health and Care Research, VU Medical Centre, Amsterdam	Chair:	Dr David Misselbrook Dean, RSM
12.20 pm	Panel discussion	6.00 pm	Motion: “This house believes that assisted suicide should be legal in the UK”
1.00 pm	Lunch		Initial vote For: Lord Joffe Seconder: Raymond Tallis
	SESSION TWO		Against: Lord Carlile Seconder: Barroness O’Loan
Chair:	Baroness Finlay of Llandaff		Final vote
2.00 pm	The role of autonomy in the argument: Afternoon keynote Baroness O’Neil of Bengrave		15 mins for each principal, 5 minutes for each seconder, free debate, 5 minutes each principal summing up.
2.40 pm	The sanctity of life – two views Professor Paul Badham Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Wales	7.30 pm:	End of debate
3.00 pm	The Rt Revd Michael Langrish, Bishop of Exeter		

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