



Euthanasia

eu·tha·na·sia

/ yōōTHə nāZH(ē)ə, yōōTHə nāzēə/

noun

The term is usually applied to the act of ending the life of someone suffering from a fatal or incurable disease.

Similar: [mercy killing](#) [assisted suicide](#)

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ACTIVE EUTHANASIA

- Also known as positive euthanasia
- The act of painlessly putting to death persons suffering from incurable conditions

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PASSIVE EUTHANASIA

- The act of allowing a patient to die

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VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

- Ending the life of a person suffering a fatal or incurable disease, in which the decision is made by the patient

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NONVOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

- Ending the life of a person suffering from a fatal or incurable disease, in which the decision is made by someone else other than the patient

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INVOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

- Termination of a life when the decision is made by someone else, and the patient has never made preferences known to anyone

Source

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