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Definition:

- *Euthanasia comes from **greek word**. EU(good) and Thanatosis(death) and it means **good death**. Gentle and easy death .This word has come to be used for **mercy killing**.*
- *It is the act or practice of ending life of person either by **lethal injection or suspension of medical treatment**.*
- *The word euthanasia was first used in medical context by francis bacon in 17th century.*





Types:

- *Passive Euthanasia*
- *Active Euthanasia*
- *Voluntary Euthanasia*
- *Involuntary Euthanasia*
- *Direct Euthanasia*
- *Indirect Euthanasia*



1.Active Euthanasia:

- *It is when death is brought by an act of **commission**.*
- ***Example taking high dose for drugs.***
- *To end a persons life by the use of drugs either by onself by the aid of a physician.*



2. passive Euthanasia:

- *When death is brought by an **omission** eg: when someone lets the person die, this can be done by **withdrawing or withholding treatment**.*
- *Withdrawing treatment: for example switching off a machine that keeps the person alive.*
- *Withholding treatment: For example not carrying out a surgery that will extend life of the patient for a short time.*



3. Voluntary Euthanasia:

- *Voluntary euthanasia is committed with willing or autonomous co-operation of subject.*
- *This means that the subject is free from direct or indirect pressure from others(**Willing of the person**)*



4. In-voluntary Euthanasia:

- *In voluntary euthanasia occurs when the patient is **unconscious or** unable to make a meaningful choice between living and dying and an appropriate person takes that decision for him/her.*
- *This is usually called murder but is possible to imagine cases where the killing would count as a favour for the patients.*
- *Against the **will of the person is compulsory***



5. Indirect Euthanasia:

- *This mean providing treatment mainly to **reduce pain** that has side effect of shortening patients life.*
- *Since the primary intent wasn't to kill it is morally accepted by some people.*



6. Direct Euthanasia:

- *This is usually refers to cases where the persons who are going to die need help to kill themselves and ask for it.*
- *It may be something as simple as getting drugs for the person and putting those drugs within their reach.*
- *Netherland is the first country to legalise the euthanasia from april 2002 in persons about 12 years.*



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