

Position statement of the Nordic Ethics Meeting on Euthanasia and Assisted Dying

The Nordic Ethics Meeting comprises the ethical councils and committees of the Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish Medical Associations.

The Nordic Ethics Meeting, declares its firm opposition to all forms of euthanasia and assisted dying. The Meeting deems these actions to be incompatible with the ethical foundations and principles of medicine.

The Meeting states that human suffering must be met with comprehensive palliative care, social support, and solidarity, never by the intentional hastening of death. It further affirms that legalising euthanasia or assisted dying could endanger and pressure vulnerable persons, reduce trust in healthcare and efforts of palliative care, and erode society's commitment to protecting human life.

Accordingly, the Nordic Ethics Meeting unanimously upholds this position against euthanasia and assisted dying in all forms, and calls for continued strengthening of palliative care across the Nordic countries.

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