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Palliative Care and End-of-Life-Care Decision making in India & Germany

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An Indian Primer of Palliative Care

For medical students and doctors



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Palliative Care Definition: Components of Care

WHO 2002 (see: Indian Primer, page 4) Others (see: India Primer, page 10)



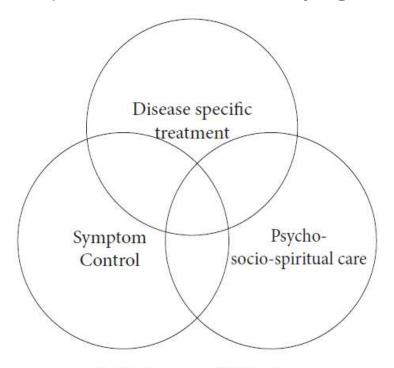


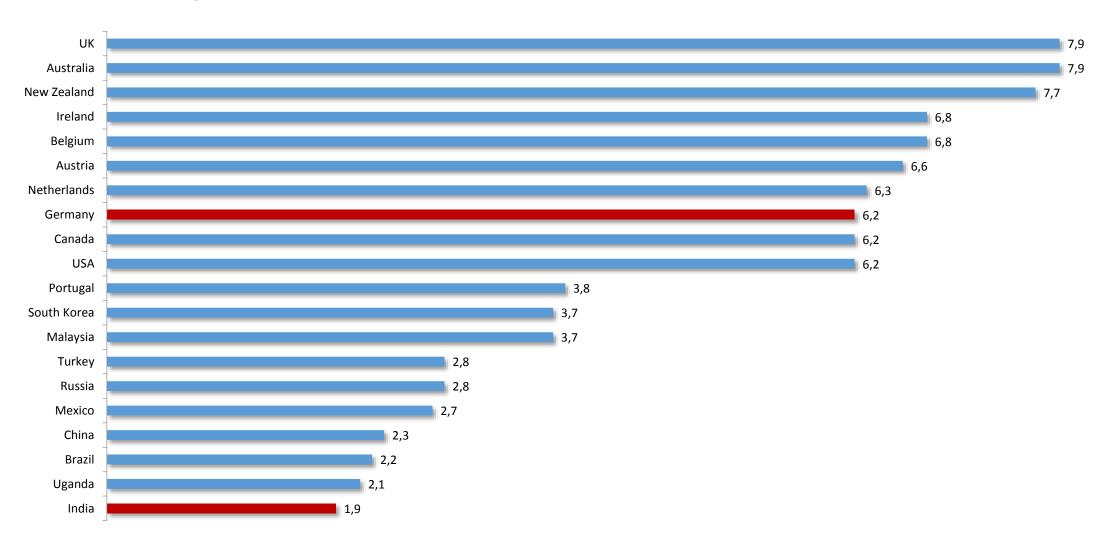
Fig 1.2 - Components of Palliative Care







Quality of Death Index 2010 (EIU, 1-10/31-40) Germany 8th / 6,2 – India 40th / 1,9 (out of 40)

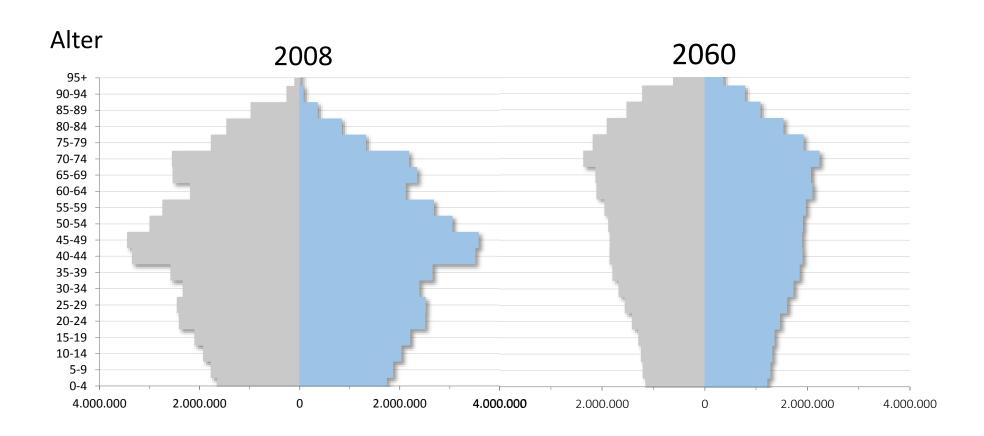


Quality of Death Index 2015 (EIU, 1-15/62-80) Germany: 7th / 82,0 – India 67th / 26,8 (out of 80)



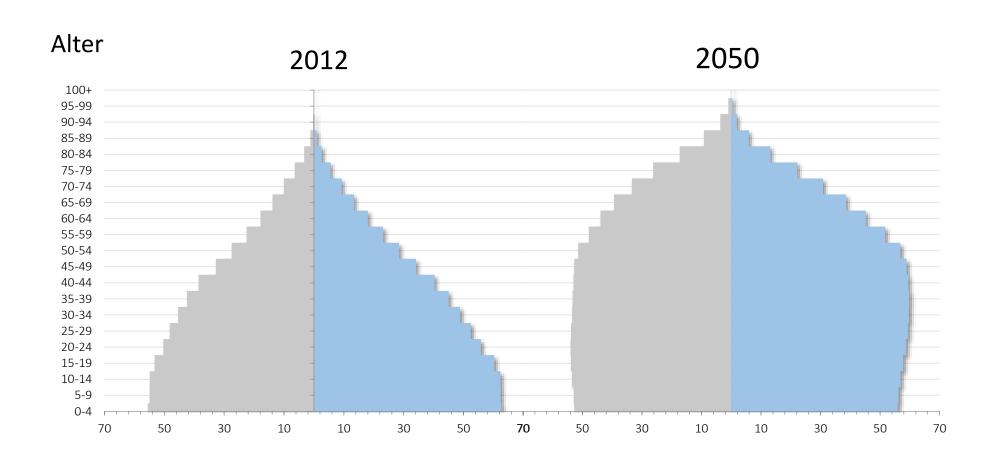


Population in Germany/Deutschland





Bevölkerungsentwicklung Indien















Death as oatcome.	(no killing intention)	(with intention to kill)
Patient tötet sich selbst Patient kills himself	Fahrlässige Selbsttötung suicide (negligently)	Suizid Suicide (but § 217 StGB)
Action of third party with patinets declared will	(Pall.)Therapie-änderungen mit Todesfolge Descalation of treatment; in India: Passive euthanasia	Tötung auf Verlangen Euthansaia § 216 StGB
Handeln ohne eindeutigen Patientenwillen	fahrlässige Tötung	Totschlag, Mord,

ohne Tötungsvorsatz

(no killing intention)

Killing (negligently)

§ 222 StGB

Handeln mit Todesfolge

Action of Third without

declared will

Death as outcome:

mit Tötungsvorsatz

Killing/Murder

§§ 211, 212, 213 StGB

(with intention to kill)

Persons death and legal	Without intention to kill	With intention to kill
<u>consequences</u>		
suicide	Suicide (Sec. 309 IPC)	Suicide (Sec. 309 IPC) (assistance: Sec. 305/306 IPC)
Third party intervention	Deescalation of treatment	Euthansia (see 7.3.2011

inirg party intervention along patients will

Deescalation of treatment (7.3.2011 Supreme Court of India legalized) in future: passive euthanasia

Murder etc. (Sec. 299 ff IPC)

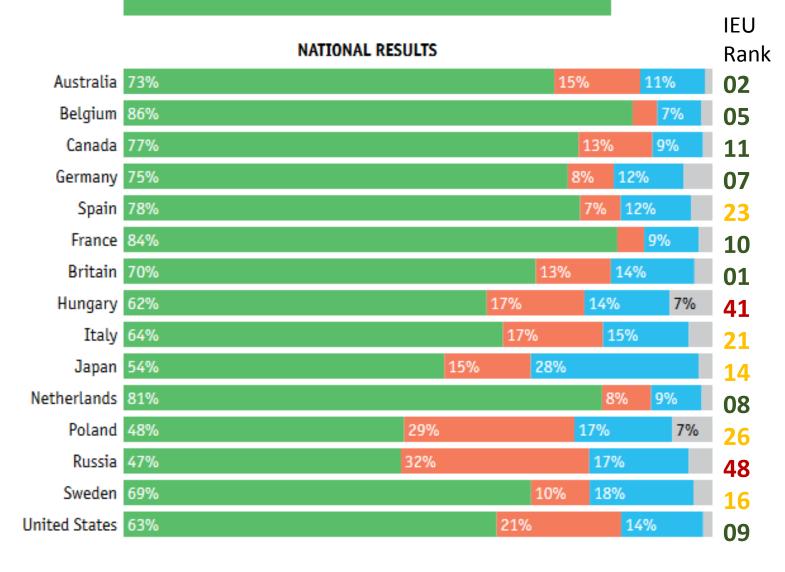
Supreme Court of India

not legalized, no Section)

killing Third party intervention without (clear) patients (Sec. 304a IPC) will

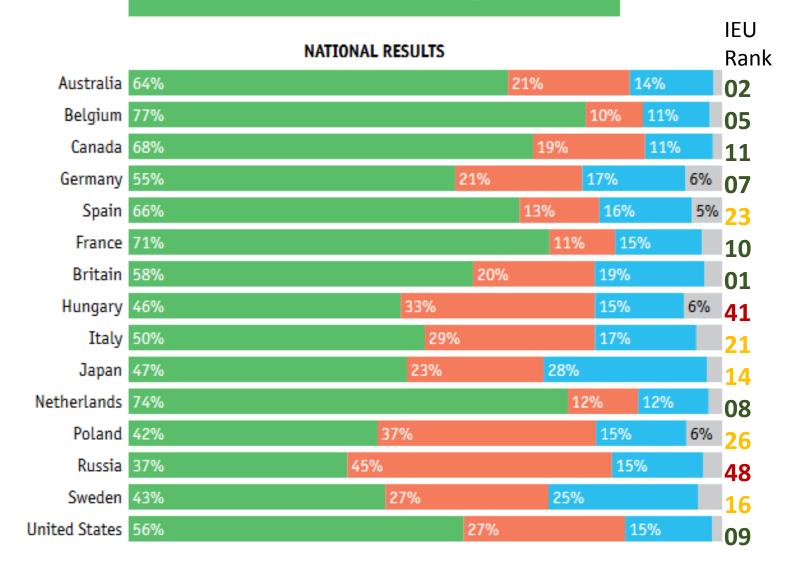


Euthanasia / Mercy Killing



Do you think it should be legal for a doctor to assist a patient aged 18 or over in ending their life, if that is the patient's wish, provided that the patient is terminally ill (where it is believed that they have 6 months or less to live) of sound mind, and expresses a clear desire to end their life?

Yes, it should be legal



Assisted suicide

For a patient who is terminally ill (and it is believed that they have 6 months or less to live), of sound mind, and has expressed a clear desire to end their life: Do you think it should be legal for a doctor to assist a patient aged 18 or over in ending their life, by the doctor administering life-ending medication?

Source: The Economist/Ipsos MORI poll, June 2015

Thesis:

Less palliative care doesn't mean increase of wishes to die early (suicide, get assitance to die, to get euthanasia)

More of palliative care doesn't mean decrease of these wishes (at least this is not proven).

In countries, where is a high standrad of palliative care, people wish still (even MORE) to have independent option for continuing the life or get freedom of decision, how to end ones lives.

Normaly laws will depict the wishes of a population thorugh elected members of parlament



These slides soon on: www.palliaction.com



Palliative Care Education