

## *Decision Guiding Matrix*

Decision Maker	Condition of Patient	Medical Condition	Options Possible	Biblical Principles that apply (partial listing)
Patient	Conscious: Able to make decisions	Not life threatening (extreme pain, reduced functioning; ordinary care required)	Continue life	Suicide & voluntary euthanasia condemned (Ex 20:13; Gen 9:4-6) Relieve pain (Prov 31:6-7) For others benefit (2 Cor 4:11-18) God's grace sufficient (2 Cor 12:7-10; Heb 11) Honor & respect life (Gen 1:27)
		Life threatening without heroic measures (extreme pain, prolonged extraordinary care required)	Continue life	Suicide & voluntary euthanasia condemned (Ex 20:13; Gen 9:4-6) For others benefit (2 Cor 4:11-18) Relieve pain (Prov 31:6-7) God's grace sufficient (2 Cor 12:7-10; Heb 11) Honor & respect life (Gen 1:27)
			Cease extra-ordinary care	Can accept death (1 Cor 15:54-57) Suicide & voluntary euthanasia condemned (Ex 20:13; Gen 9:4-6) Relieve pain (Prov 31:6-7) Not treat extending life as an idol (1 Cor 10:13)
		Imminent Death (extra-ordinary measures will only extend life minimally)	Cease extra-ordinary care	Can accept death (1 Cor 15:54-57) Relieve pain (Prov 31:6-7) Not treat extending life as an idol (1 Cor 10:13) Suicide & voluntary euthanasia condemned (Ex 20:13; Gen 9:4-6)

### *Decision Guiding Matrix (Con't)*

Decision Maker	Condition of Patient	Medical Condition	Options Possible	Biblical Principles that apply (partial listing)
Patient	Conscious or unconscious: Cannot make own decisions (Living will);	Not life threatening (extreme pain, reduced functioning; ordinary care required)	Continue life	Voluntary & active euthanasia condemned (Ex 20:13; Gen 9:4-6) Relieve pain (Prov 31:6-7) For others benefit (2 Cor 4:11-18) God's grace sufficient (2 Cor 12:7-10; Heb 11) Honor & respect life (Gen 1:27)
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Non-responsive at all (Living will)	Brain dead; brain stem only active part of brain; ordinary care provided	Respect wishes specified in Living will	Respect patients decisions (Job 12:12; 15:10; 32:7; Deu 32:7)	

### *Decision Guiding Matrix (Con't)*

Decision Maker	Condition of Patient	Medical Condition	Options Possible	Biblical Principles that apply (partial listing)
Care-giver	Unconscious, or conscious but unable to make decisions, no living will	Not life threatening (extreme pain, reduced functioning, ordinary care required)	Continue life	See above for patient able to make decisions Cannot require others to give up life (2 Cor 8:3)
		Life threatening without heroic measures (extreme pain, prolonged extraordinary care required)	Continue life	See above for patient able to make decisions Cannot require others to give up life (2 Cor 8:3)
			Cease extra-ordinary care?	(?)
		Imminent Death (extra-ordinary measures will only extend life minimally)	Cease extra-ordinary care	Can accept death (1 Cor 15:54-57) Relieve pain (Prov 31:6-7) Not treat extending life as an idol (1 Cor 10:13) Voluntary & active euthanasia condemned (Ex 20:13; Gen 9:4-6)
	Non-responsive at all - no Living will	Brain dead; brain stem only active part of brain; ordinary care provided	Continue life	Honor and respect life (Gen 1:27) Not treat extending life as an idol (1 Cor 10:13) Remove ordinary care with great caution (?)