

November is Palliative and Hospice Care Awareness Month

We celebrate those who care for the disabled and the sick

We educate ourselves about Physician Assisted Suicide

How are the disabled affected by Physician Assisted Suicide?

According to the National Council on Disability, cost pressures create an especially toxic environment when combined with longstanding social prejudice against the value of a life with disabilities:

“The dangers of permitting physician-assisted suicide are large indeed. The pressures upon people with disabilities to choose to end their lives, and the insidious appropriation by others of the right to make that choice for them are already way too common in our society. These pressures are increasing and will continue to grow as managed health care and limitations upon health care resources precipitate increased ‘rationing’ of health care services and health care financing.... There is no doubt that people with disabilities are among society’s most likely candidates for ending their lives. As the experience in the Netherlands demonstrates, there is also little doubt that legalizing assisted suicide generates strong pressures upon individuals and families to utilize that option, and leads very quickly to coercion and involuntary euthanasia.”

**If people you know appear to be considering suicide, please
let them know of the [National Suicide Prevention Hotline](https://www.suicidepreventionhotline.com)**

1-800-273-8255

**Resources: Not Dead Yet, Patients Rights Action Fund, Disability Rights
Education and Defense Fund, and Stop Assisted Suicide Illinois**