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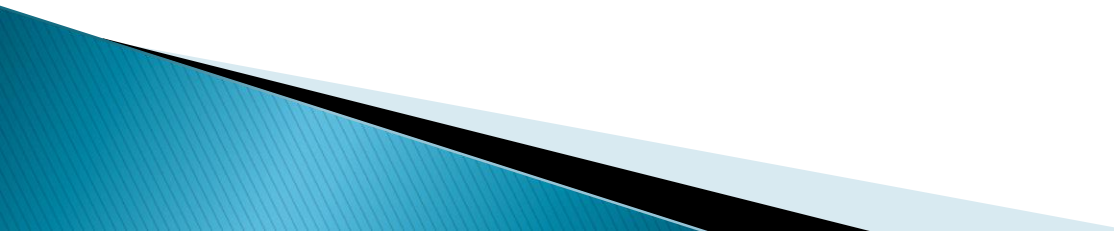
Present and future in healthcare

Bioethics today:

challenges and commitments for young people

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medical and nursing schools

from scientific expertise

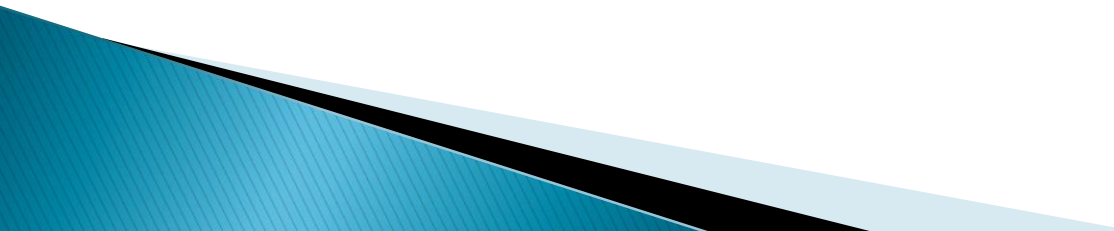
till human skills!

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human life

vulnerability

and finitude



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our hospitals!

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from technological ecstasy ...

till the fascination for the human!

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Medicine is a science and an art

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With theoretical bases extremely complex and particularly sensitive application, the knowledge that is intrinsic to it has a *source* and a *target*.

the human being!

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And is its “target” that requires the approach between science and ethics...

to convert a cold and anonymous science in a sweet and humanized science,

just now being able to be offered to man as a true scientific “well”

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When doctor and patient are face to face

ethics is there !

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So,

although having to respect the scientific true

our main commitment is with man

mainly while patient

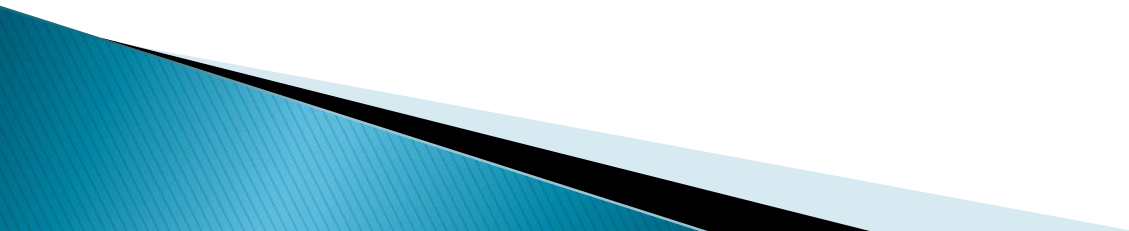
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Doctor-patient relationship

an equal relationship

and

an unequal relationship



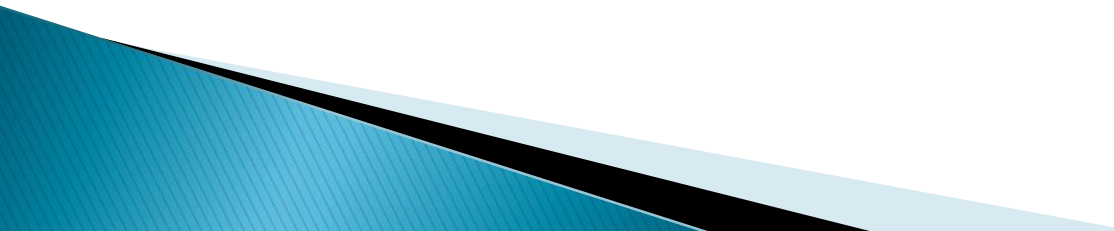
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INFORMATION

Health communication!

the silence...

the void...

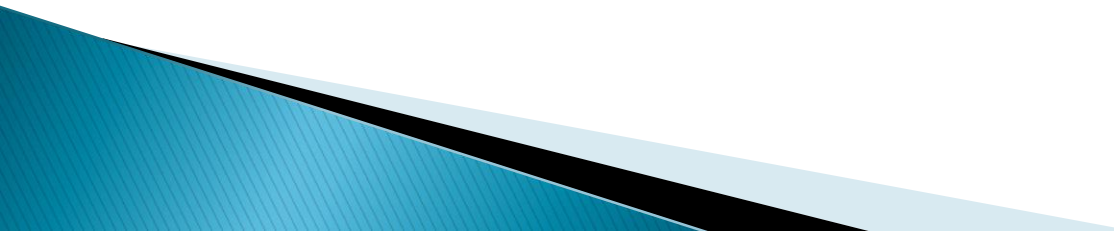


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Information to the patient

what is to inform?
inform what? and whom to?

the right to information!
access the information!
the duty to inform!
the right to truth!



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Information to the patient

- Want to be informed (Tottus)
- Want not to be informed
- Duty to inform (doctor)
≠
duty to hear information (patient)

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Communicate the truth...

... the truth that you are able to hear

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Information to the patient

Inform the patient

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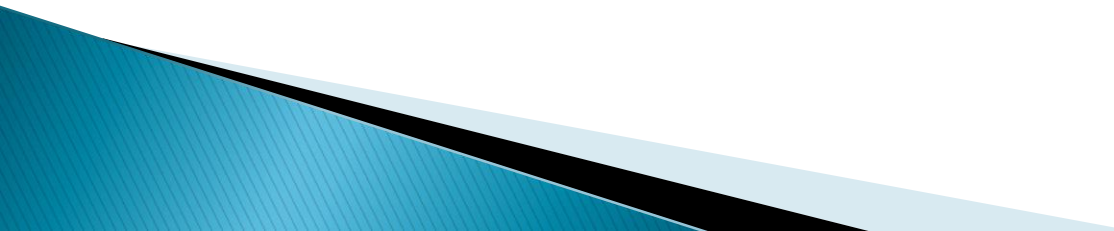
Information + "*something else*"

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CONFIDENTIALITY

What is it?

What is it not?



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Group consultations / multidisciplinary teams

The patient has his doctor

before having his medical team!

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TREATMENT

The sense of the treatment:

the means and the goal! ...



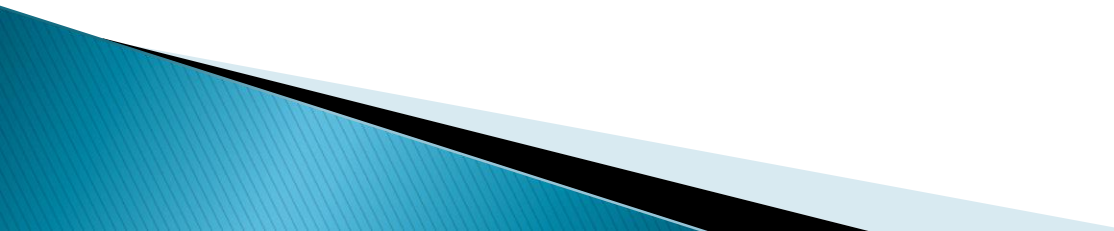
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TREATMENT

therapeutic relationship ----- tool

(philanthropy)

(philotecny)



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TREATMENT (ethical value)

Tool----- ○ (?)
(philotecny)

→ helpful (curative or palliative)

Purpose

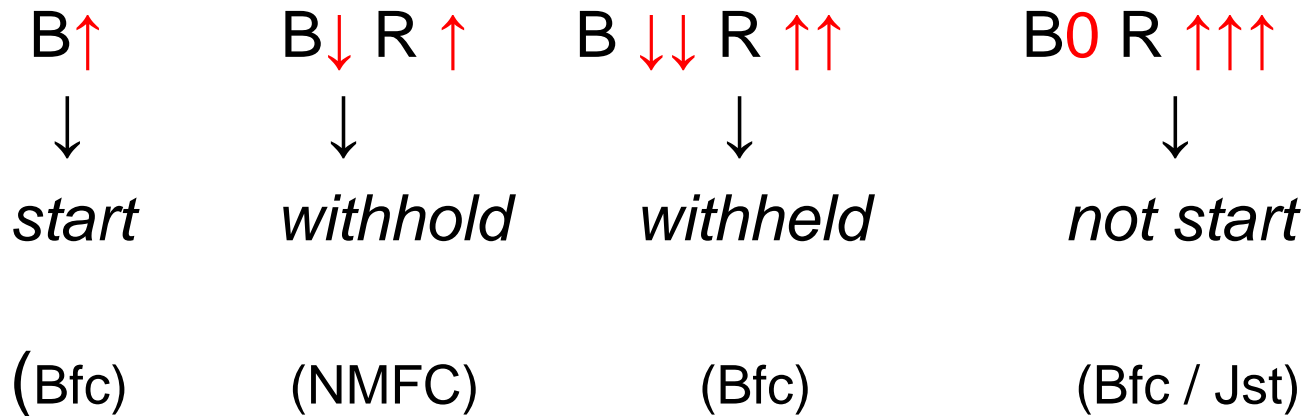
→ futile

(philanthropy)

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TREATMENT

therapeutic decision



(≠ not treat !)

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therapeutic suitability

"Therapeutic intensive care"

Therapeutic limitation (n / maleficence)

Therapeutic suspension (beneficence)

≠ therapeutic abandonment

≠ euthanasia!

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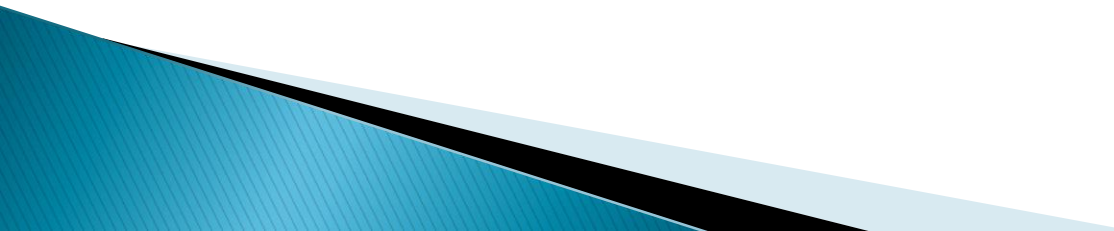
therapeutic suitability

... large group of decisions
health team
family (way to go!)
ECH !!!

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therapeutic suitability

... the living will



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INFORMED, enlightened and free
CONSENT

exercise of freedom

exercise of individual autonomy

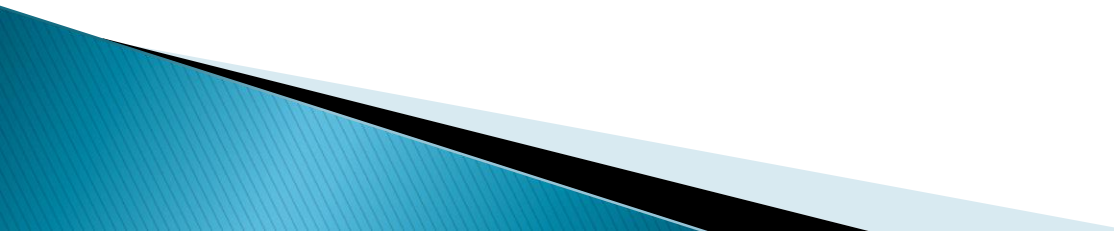


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rights and freedoms

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duties and responsibilities



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Exercise of freedom

human dialogue

Free relationship but "committed"

("Friendship", truth, fear / anxiety, pain ...)

Limits: lower



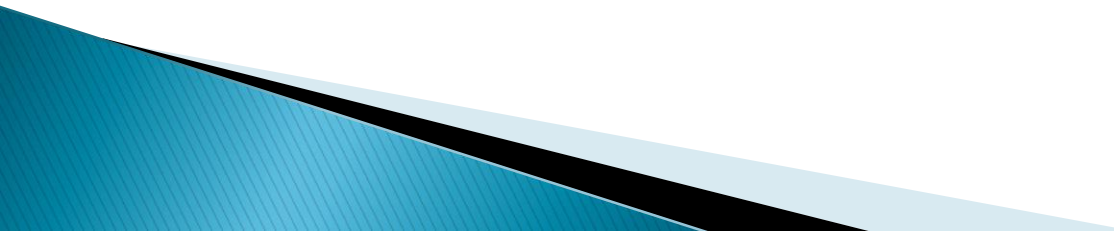
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Consent

the autonomy, in time to decide ...

and

the dignity, in time to communicate ...



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Organ transplantation

brain death

heart stopped



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Human Research

patients:

not an “object” to treat/research but a “being” to care

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Resuscitation and Death

- The right to live
- Terminally ill
 - "Therapeutic obstinacy
 - "DNR / "AND
 - Palliative care
- Right to have dignity in dying time