

# Assisted Suicide: People Abused and Exploited

## Kate Cheney: Doctor Shopping is Common and Deadly

*Her: "Choices may be influenced by her family's wishes and her daughter, Erika, may be somewhat coercive."*

Kate Cheney, 85 requested assisted suicide drugs and was originally denied by her physician, but her daughter shopped for a doctor until one wrote the prescription. The second physician ordered a psychiatric evaluation which found that Kate was not competent to make the decision, so she was sent to yet another psychologist who deemed she was. The second psychologist noted the possibility of coercion by the daughter, but Kate received the prescription regardless, and died.

In 2009, 57 of the 59 patients who died by assisted suicide in Oregon were clients of a leading proponent organization, Compassion and Choices. Shortly after 2009, they ceased to share this information.

