

Assisted Suicide: People Abused and Exploited

Jeanette Hall: A Person Who Is Not Dying Can Get Lethal Drugs

"If my doctor had believed in assisted suicide, I wouldn't be here today."

Oregonian Jeanette Hall was diagnosed with cancer in 2000, and asked her doctor to prescribe lethal assisted suicide drugs. Fortunately, her doctor had a longstanding relationship with her and recognized the request as a cry for help, assessing his patient's real need in spite of the law. He successfully encouraged her to pursue treatment and she is still alive today! Unfortunately, not everyone has such a dedicated physician.

In Oregon, depending on the year, 60%-90% of patients received a lethal prescription from a doctor referred by Compassion and Choices, not their own physicians.

