

# Euthanasia by stealth

THIS paper is deeply uneasy over draft guidelines saying doctors should have the right to deny nutrition to patients who might otherwise live for years.

It began with a call for the right to end the lives of those close to death or in deep comas. Now the BMA wants to extend doctors' power to hasten the end for patients suffering from acute dementia, Parkinson's or Huntington's disease.

The chilling question is: who will be next? The Mail urges the BMA to remember the Hippocratic Oath - 'first, do no harm' - and think again.

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