

The problem of termination or nezahajování therapy in terminally ill patients, as well as the terms of euthanasia, assisted suicide but homicide or murder, we in modern medicine interfere more and more. It has to do with the development of natural medicine, especially in technical areas, where doctors can fight for their lives or delayed death in cases that before ten or fifteen years ago inevitably ended in death. Many patients but does not want "to live at all Price 'will be a debate on euthanasia still acquire timeliness. In the Czech Republic, but a similar situation found in other post-communist countries, we are due to historical developments in the field of patients in communication between patients and doctors and in medical ethics somewhat behind in comparison with Western Europe and the United States. On the following pages I will try to bring attitude to euthanasia in some European countries and then focus on specific Czech legal environment and its relation to termination of patient care. I'll be very happy if my work will contribute at least in my circle peers to clarify concepts and lead to a wider debate on the care of seriously ill patients.