Physician Aid-in-Dying: Within or Outside the Boundaries of Good Medicine?

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In 2016 Colorado became the seventh state to provide a legal mechanism by which a physician may write a prescription for medications that a terminally ill patient may take to end the patient's life. Efforts are underway in multiple other states to legalize this practice, described variously as "death with dignity," "physician aid-in-dying," "physician-assisted death," and "physician-assisted suicide.

In the 2017 Emerson Lecture, two physicians, both of whom teach medical ethics and practice palliative medicine at leading academic medical centers, will debate whether this practice belongs as part of medical care. Dr. Timothy Quill will argue that it does, and Dr. Farr Curlin will argue that it does not. After brief presentations, Dr. Quill and Dr. Curlin will engage each other and members of the audience in a moderated discussion of this critical issue in contemporary healthcare.