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## EUTHANASIA

### Getting Background Information on Your Topic

Within the guidelines of the assignment given to you by your instructor, select a topic that is of interest to you. Once you have selected a topic for your paper, use the general reference books available in the library to get background information on your topic. Reference books such as the encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and the current issue titles listed below are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic.

### Reference Books

#### **Right to Die and Euthanasia**

REF R726 .Y673 2007

#### **Euthanasia**

REFDESK R726 .E5822 2006

#### **Assisted Suicide**

REFDESK R726 .A852 2005

#### **Death and Dying: Opposing Viewpoints**

REFDESK R726.8 .D376 2003

#### **Suicide**

REFDESK HV6545 .S8183 2007

#### **Ethics of Euthanasia**

REFDESK R726 .E7753 2005

#### **Terminal Illness: Opposing Viewpoints**

REFDESK R726.8 .T46465 2005

#### **Euthanasia: A Reference Handbook**

REF R726 .R53 1996

### Books

Use the [Library Catalog](#) located on the Cerritos College [Library Home Page](#) to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author*, *Title*, *Subject*, or *Keyword*.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to **Euthanasia**. Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Assisted Suicide

Euthanasia

Right to Die

Terminal Care

### Online Journal and Reference Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

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### Databases for euthanasia and related topics:

*Facts.com*  
*Ethnic News Watch*  
*NewsBank*

*EBSCOhost*  
*Issues & Controversies*  
*Proquest Newspapers*

### Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

#### **Doctor-Assisted Suicide: A Guide to Web Sites and the Literature**

<http://www.longwood.edu/library/suic.htm>

#### **International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force**

<http://iaetf.org/hlbt.htm>

#### **PBS Frontline: The Kevorkian Verdict**

<http://pbs.org/wqbh/pages/frontline/kevorkian>

#### **University of Buffalo Center for Clinical Ethics**

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/faculty/research/bioethics/court.html>

#### **Euthanasia**

<http://www.euthanasia.com/>

#### **Euthanasia—Pro/Con**

<http://euthanasia.procon.org/>