

John P. McGovern, M.D. Award Lecture in the Medical Humanities

AUTONOMY IN CRISIS



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For over 40 years, much ethical discourse has steered toward the belief that a patient is able, and thus has a right, to refuse life saving treatment after experiencing a trauma. However, that perspective is based on a narrow set of cases. To have such influence on an entire area of ethical inquiry may raise concerns about the integrity of that inquiry. Furthermore, the commitment to this belief on the part of clinical ethicists and health care providers may not adequately take into account the complex nature of both the trauma patient's autonomy and the provider's role in decision making.

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