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END of LIFE issues

PRACTICAL ISSUES—

179.7 Colby 2006

Colby, William H. **Unplugged: Reclaiming Our Right to Die in America.**

Colby's judicious insights are used to examine the law and policies which combine to ignore patients' and their families' wishes in light of persistent vegetative states.

179.7 Schneide 03/2008

Schneiderman, L. J. **Embracing Our Mortality: Hard Choices in an Age of Medical Miracles.**

The author confronts the issues facing people today—do we allow death to happen when medical “miracles” can reverse it?

344.04197 Sitarz 2002

Sitarz, Dan. **Living Wills Simplified.**

Included are complete Advance Health Care directives, and legal forms valid in 50 states.

346.054 Chambers 2005

Chambers, Joy. **The Easy Will and Living Will Kit (2005)**

Includes advance directives forms, power of attorney forms, questions, answers, and legal advice for wills and living wills, with lots of definitions.

362.16 Choosing 2001

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. **Choosing Long-Term Care.**

A practical guide for choosing long-term care, nursing homes, and the best kind of care for particular needs.

362.16 Dickinso 2006

Dickinson, Lynn. **Living Well in a Nursing Home: Everything You and Your Folks Need to Know.**

The authors take a positive look at nursing homes, and offer sound advice for children having to make that choice for their parents.

362.16 Matthews 2008

Matthews, J. L. **Long-Term Care: How to Plan and Pay for It. 7th Ed.**

A thorough guide to evaluating the plans, examining the alternatives to nursing homes, protecting against fraud, and other important issues to deal with before a crisis of care.

362.175 Caring 2003

Baird, Robert M. **Caring for the Dying: Critical Issues at the Edge of Life.**

Covering the hospice movement, palliative care issues, spiritual care, and legal issues, these essays provide information and thoughtful discussion of major questions dealing with the end of life.

362.175 Death (2006)

Death and Dying Sourcebook: Basic Consumer Health Information. Shannon, Joyce Brennfleck, ed.

Information about end-of-life perspectives, with special sections on caregiver concerns, and children and death. Facts, statistics, and contact information for support groups.

362.1756 Dosa 02/2010

Dosa, David. **Making Rounds with Oscar: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat.**

Dosa, a geriatrician at a nursing home documents the story of Oscar who only spends time with dying patients, comforting them and reassuring the families.

362.61 Hogan 01/2010

Hogan, Paul. **Stages of Senior Care: Your Step-By-Step Guide to Making the Best Decisions.**

Offering a variety of scenarios and solutions for a variety of situations, the authors make an attempt to cover all the possibilities of senior care.

362.61 Span 08/2009

Span, Paula. **When the Time Comes: Families with Aging Parents Share Their Struggles and Solutions.**

Span addresses care-taking as a part of family life, employing a human-interest narrative to advance her point.

616.029 Brody 03/2009

Brody, Jane. **Jane Brody's Guide to the Great Beyond: A Practical Primer to Help You and Your Loved Ones Prepare Medically, Legally, and Emotionally for the End of Life.**

The **New York Times** health columnist provides a very comprehensive roadmap for end of life issues.

616.029 Feldman (2006)

Feldman, David B. **The End-Of-Life Handbook: A Compassionate Guide To Connecting With and Caring For a Dying Loved One.**

This is a practical guide to the physicality of death, as well as the emotional dimension for both patient and caregiver.

616.029 Fitzpatri 02/2010

Fitzpatrick, Jeanne. **A Better Way of Dying: How to Make the Best Choices at the End of Life.**

Two sisters, one a doctor and the other a lawyer, have put together a helpful volume that can help clarify the choices left at the end of life, and offer a "Compassion Protocol" to legally formalize senior decisions.

SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL ISSUES---

133.9013 KublerRo 05/2008

Kübler-Ross, Elisabeth. **On Life after Death.**

In these classic four essays, Kubler-Ross offers frank and compassionate advice for those dealing with a terminal illness or the death of a loved one.

155.937 Holder 2004

Holder, Jennifer Sutton. **Parting: A Handbook for Spiritual Care Near the End of Life.**

The author offers the wisdom of people from many cultures and faith traditions as a guide for helping a terminally ill relative or friend toward a peaceful transition from this life.

155.937 Keeley 04/2007

Keeley, Maureen P. **Final Conversations: Helping the Living and the Dying Talk to Each Other.**

Through anecdotal evidence, the author emphasizes the importance of talking and listening to the dying.

155.937 Kessler 06/2007

Kessler, David. **The Needs of the Dying: A Guide for Bringing Hope, Comfort, and Love to Life's Final Chapter.**

Using comforting and touching stories, the author provides information to help readers meet the needs of a loved one at this important time.

155.937 OKelly 2006

O'Kelly, Eugene. **Chasing Daylight: How My Forthcoming Death Transformed My Life: A Final Account.**

This is the account of O'Kelley's final journey, starting from the time of his diagnosis and concluding upon his death less than four months later.

155.937 Rufus 2005

Rufus, Anneli S. **The Farewell Chronicles: How We Really Respond to Death.**

The author examines all the unexpected, and sometimes unspoken, responses to death that humans are capable of—greed, apathy, guilt, disgust, relief, and foreboding.

155.937 Yalom 02/2008

Yalom, Irvin D. **Staring at the Sun: Overcoming the Terror of Death.**

Yalom contends that many of life's major changes are feared because they symbolize the ultimate fear—of death-- and offers a way for therapists to address death anxiety.

616.029 Halifax 08/2008

Halifax, Joan. **Being with Dying: Cultivating Compassion and Fearlessness in the Presence of Death.**

Stories as well as guided exercises and contemplations help readers see death as a natural rite of passage.

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