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Summary

Therapy deals with human being who is worthy to be considered with the highest respect given the mere fact of his/her existence – that is to say, regardless of the quality of his/her existence. Therefore, the well-being of patient is an overarching objective for each therapy. The question about what is ethically honest becomes a question not about the obligation of using or omitting certain medical procedures, but about the most perfect respect for a person who is in the need of medical assistance. It presupposes a proper medical decision about the therapeutic effort that will become the promotion of his/her human dignity. The author reflects on these factors which may determine the stubborn therapy, and hopes to be helpful in apprehending cases of such a therapy in medical practice.