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End of Life: Hospice and Palliative Care
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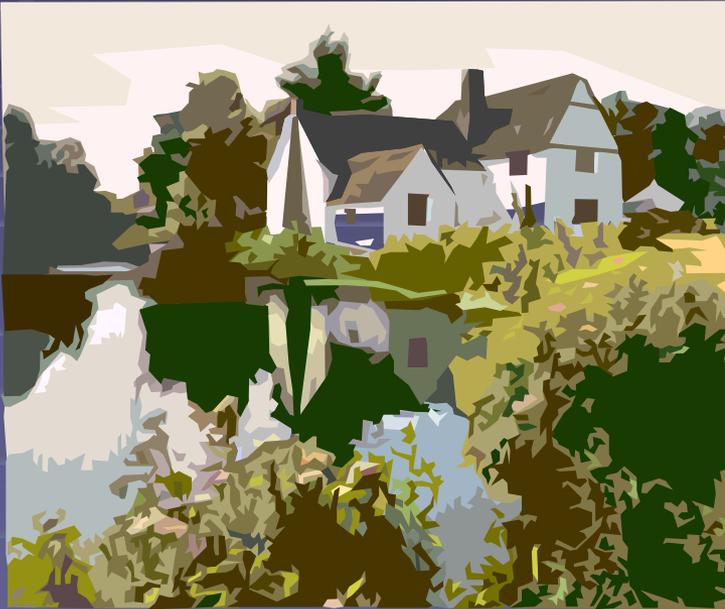
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Get Your House in Order



Two Controversial Cases

Susan Saran of Ithaca, NY
Nora & Bill Harris, Medford, OR



Whose Decision Takes Precedence: the “Present Self” or the “Future Self?”



What if I Had Dementia? A Planning for the Future



- What kind of medical care would you want if you were to develop worsening dementia?
- Health Directive for Dementia 2017. Free use allowed for non-commercial purposes
- <https://depts.washington.edu/mbwc/content/page-files/dementia-directive.pdf>

Physician Assisted Suicide?



Hospice: Questions to Ask



- Is your program certified by Medicare?
- Is your staff experienced in providing care to patients with dementia-related illnesses?
- Do you offer specialized services to improve a dementia patient's comfort?
- What services do you offer to the families, caregivers and friends of patients with dementia?
- <https://www.agingcare.com/articles/hospice-care-for-advanced-dementia-when-is-it-time-200580.htm>

Possible research opportunities

- **What information and resources are most helpful to individuals living with dementia (and care partners) as they make end of life decisions?**
- **Different states have different rules about VSED and dementia. How can these be better communicated to individuals living with dementia and families so that they can better plan, communicate and implement end of life preferences?**