

Dementia- A Social Challenge

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Living with dementia cannot be understood through mere medical facts and sociological figures, but there are fundamental insights in this material.

From the state of research, the political and institutional approach to the disease is examined.

Ethical questions and thus the conflict between values such as performance maxims, individualism and human dignity - will be illuminated. Weaknesses of the health care system and the resulting inferior value of an aging person is conveyed leads to the current debate about euthanasia:

Does a persons want to die not to be a burden. Does live because his way of life is empathically, empathetically integrated by the world around them.

Pastoral caregivers strive for the latter. Therefore, the attitude and implementation of ecclesiastical communities also fall are of great importance.

People with dementia want to be understood. And all, who are there for them deserve understanding, attention and support.