

Last Testament

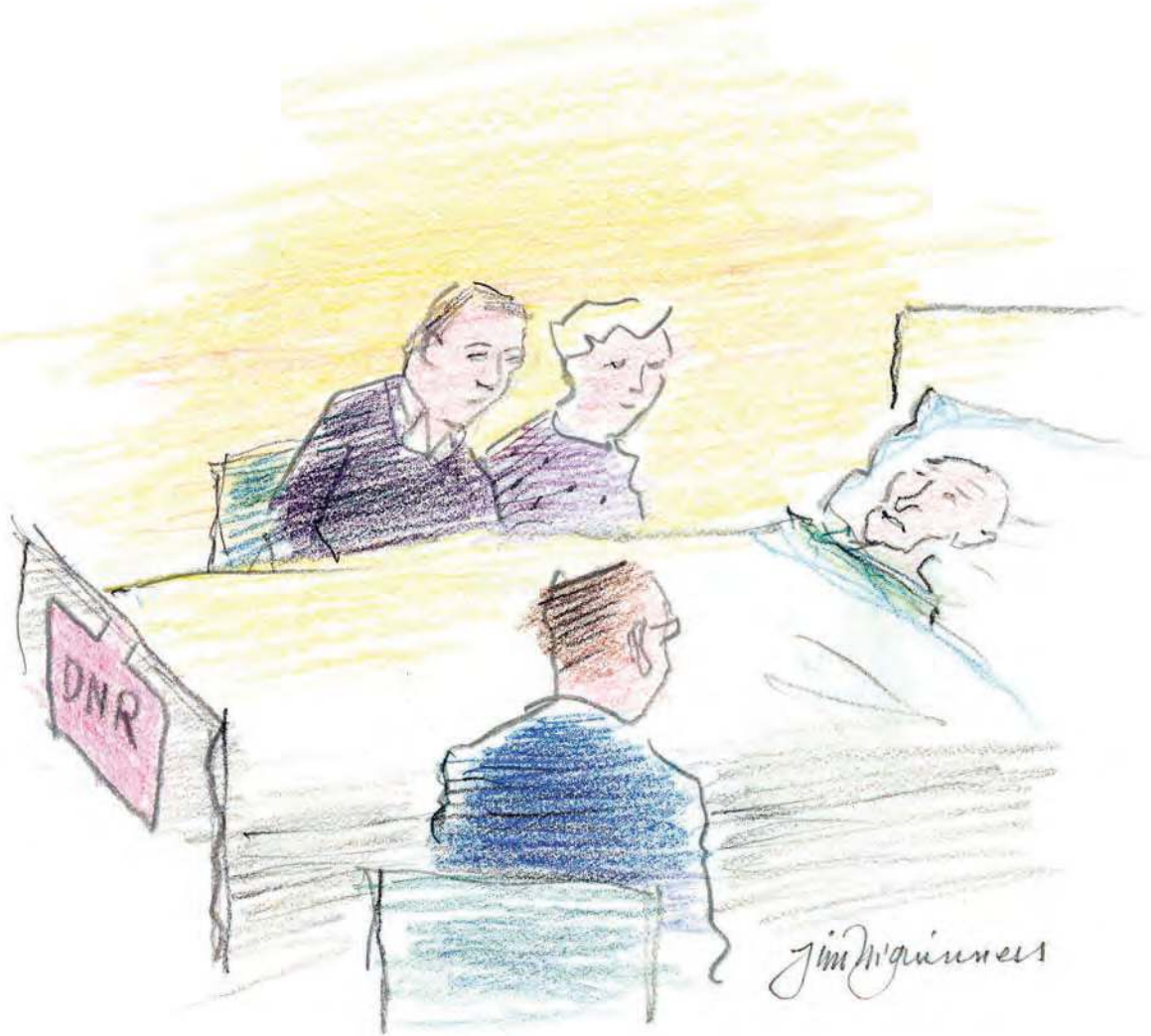
Dear Doctors:

*When the end of my days is clearly in sight
I hope you will hear me and do what is right.
The years of my life have been quite satisfying
And I look to the end without fear of dying.*

*When I no longer can stand erect on my feet
When I'm constantly sated and refuse to eat,
Don't push the fluids, the lab work and tests
It's rest that I need and Nature knows best.*

*Let them sit by my bedside and talk softly to me
The friends that come visit are good therapy
Dylan Thomas's rage is OK in youth
A quiet exit for me, all else is uncouth.*

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