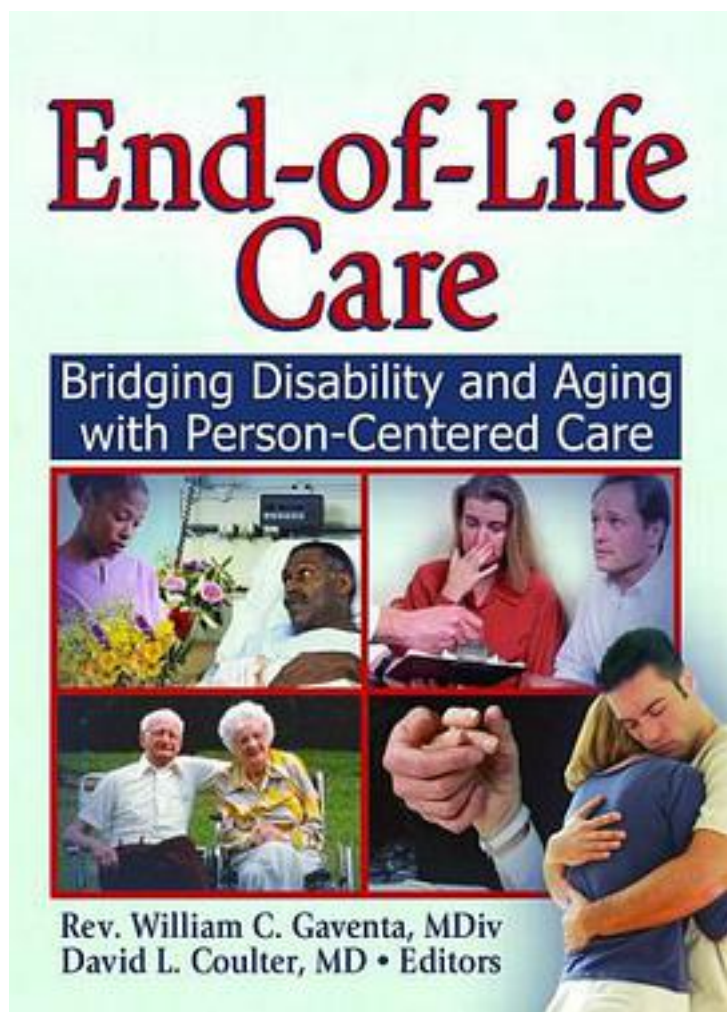


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"End-of-Life Care" features two primary papers on the controversial issue of end-of-life

care within the disabled and aging populations. Each paper explains clearly and honestly about the multitude of issues involved using person centred care. The first is from a father and advocate for the disabled - Rud Turnbull - speaking from a disability perspective about his disabled son. The second is from a respected theologian M. J. Iozzio speaking from the aging perspective about her father's Alzheimer's disease. Responses from experts in the field follow, thoughtfully raising further points to consider about policies, ethics, quality of life, and consent. The two central papers from "End-of-Life Care" focus on person centred, interdependent care using the personal reflections of two close family members and their views about end-of-life care. The responses that follow each are direct, thoughtful, and concentrate on the issues in end-of-life planning using person centred care. This difficult and important issue is discussed in detail by lawyers, theologians, clinical practitioners, and professional service providers and includes several revealing personal stories about end-of-life experiences. "End-of-Life Care" discusses: who, how and on what grounds end-of-life decisions should be made for the developmentally/intellectually disabled; the unique challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and their families when confronting issues of death and dying; the protection of the rights of the disabled from discrimination; person centred care for the aging with complicating health conditions like Alzheimer's Disease; and helping all people to clearly communicate their end-of-life wishes. "End-of-Life Care" explores every aspect of end-of-life care using person centred care and makes essential reading for practitioners in the fields of disability and aging, healthcare professionals, hospice staff, and professional aging and disability providers.

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