

## **Project Title: Attitudes & role of nurses in euthanasia on the basis of unbearable mental suffering**

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### Introduction

Since 2002, euthanasia is legal in Belgium under certain circumstances. Nurses are involved in the process and may raise objections regarding psychiatric patients' euthanasia request.

### Aim

The aim of this study is to determine the attitudes, roles, vision and knowledge of nurses when there is a request for euthanasia by a psychiatric patient.

### Methods

A cross-sectional survey in a convenience sample of hospitals in Flanders (Belgium) will be performed.

Results (not yet available)

Publications (not yet available)