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The Illusion of Futility in Clinical Practice

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Questions for Discussion

1. How would these obligations be affected by disagreements between patients and physicians about the goals of therapy?
2. Are these goals strictly medical with no other implications?

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