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Proposed title of poster: On conscientious objection to brain death

Abstract of poster content with three clearly stated objectives (up to 250 words):

In several areas in the world, including Japan, New York State and the State of New Jersey, one can virtually choose a death criterion for oneself from among neurological and cardiac criteria. Such plurality is sometimes understood as a consequence of the accommodation of religious and moral objection to neurological criteria. This presentation aims to shed some light on the implications and problems of conscientious objection to brain death. In the first place, the presentation attempts tentative categorization of conscientious objection in medical care to situate the inquiry in a broader context. Second, the presentation also introduces data indicative of scope and practical application of

conscientious objection to neurological criteria in American states, with special attention paid to the differences between religious and moral objection. Third, based on these, the presentation will proceed to a discussion on some of the categories in the presented categorization table related to the objection to brain death. The presentation discusses the differences in the implication of conscientious objection for medical professionals and patients as well as (in)particularities of religious accommodation. This inquiry is intended as part of a broader inquiry into the role of conscience in medical care and the relation between the alleged Eindeutigkeit of scientific evaluation and religio-cultural pluralism.

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