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According to the Doctrine of Double Effect (DDE), there is an inherent moral difference between causing or allowing harm as a means to an end and causing or allowing harm as a side effect. Traditionally, it has been thought that the DDE is very important in the context of medical ethics, and that (among other things) it makes assisted death much harder to justify than other death-hastening treatment decisions. But a closer look at the plausible ethical ideas embodied in the DDE can seem to overturn this traditional understanding of its applicability to medical ethics. I will explore these issues with specific attention to the sort of harm with which the DDE should be concerned and its interaction with issues of autonomous choice.

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