

From Euthanasia Society of America to the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (1938-Present)

- 1938 **Euthanasia Society of America** formed to legalize euthanasia
- 1967 **Euthanasia Educational Fund** created: soon renamed the **Euthanasia Educational Council** (EEC) (Living Wills created to "promote discussion of euthanasia")
- 1974 **The Connecticut Hospice** (first American hospice) formed by assisted-suicide proponent, **Florence Wald, RN, MSN, FAAN** (and honorary doctorate from Yale), considered the most influential force in the development of hospice *in the USA*
- 1975 Euthanasia Society of America changed its name to the **Society for the Right to Die**
- 1978 **National Hospice Organization** (NHO) formed
- 1979 Euthanasia Educational Council became known as Concern for Dying
- 1990 Society for the Right to Die + Concern for Dying announce merger and become in 1991 the:
- 1991 "**National Council for Death and Dying**" -- later in year name changed to **Choice in Dying**
- 1995 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation begins **Last Acts Program**
- 2000 National Hospice Organization name-change to **National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization** (NHPCO); Partnership for Caring becomes national program office of Last Acts
- 2001 Choice in Dying merges into **Partnership for Caring** (March 14, 2001)
- 2004 (January) Partnership for Caring and Last Acts merge to form **Last Acts Partnership**
- 2004 (later in year) Last Acts Partnership closes (due to financial "anomalies"), **National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization acquires all legal rights and copyrights of Last Acts Partnership and becomes successor organization to it and all of its predecessors (The Euthanasia Soc of America) and forms "Caring Connections"** a program of the NHPCO and continues services of predecessors: all the advance care planning resources: (advanced directives, living wills, advanced care planning). There is no further need for "Euthanasia Society of America" (or its successors) as the NHPCO is carrying on its work.
- Present "Stealth euthanasia is increasingly reported as occurring within hospices all over the United States as well as in other nations." – Ron Panzer, Pres. Of Hospice Patients Alliance
Author: *Stealth Euthanasia: Healthcare Tyranny in America*
See: www.hospicepatients.org/this-thing-called-hospice.html

Dates
of time-line
information:

Patients Rights Council
www.patientsrightscouncil.org/site/rpt2005-part1/

Caring Connections Timeline (from National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization itself):
www.caringinfo.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3402

LifeTree Organization Timeline
www.lifetree.org/timeline/index.html?id=1

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