**Listening Exercise 150**

Medical

¡Sigue adelante! ☺

Guidelines:

1. Review the questions and vocabulary
2. Listen to the audio twice (control + click the link). (If link does not work from email, save to computer and then open).
3. Answer the questions
4. Refer to the transcript, translation and answers to confirm correct responses and gauge understanding



**Questions**

1. Which difficult subject is it that the interviewer is asking about?
   1. Doctor assisted suicide
   2. Hospital malpractice deaths
   3. MRSA hospital infections
   4. Pet animal euthanasia
2. Which category of patients does the speaker work with?
   1. Cancer
   2. Cardiac
   3. Abuse
   4. Psychiatric
3. What characteristic do these patients have in common?
   1. Dignified and mobile
   2. Mental abilities intact
   3. Positive progress possible
   4. Unconscious and unthinking
4. Which is NOT mentioned about what medical studies can indicate about this matter?
   1. How much time is left
   2. A poor continued outlook
   3. Imminent demise is pending
   4. Complications from procedure
5. What is a major contributing factor to this topic?
   1. Procedural complications
   2. Drug availability
   3. Lengthy recovery
   4. Unbearable pain
6. Which is an essential element for medical professionals in considering this issue?
   1. Doctor/Hospital procedures
   2. Elderly/patient classification
   3. Hospital/insurance agreement
   4. Patient/family acquiescence

**NOTE: California put into effect a law allowing euthansia on 9 June 2016**

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| Un tema muy delicado doctor, y hasta cierto punto doloroso, sin duda. Pero yo quisiera empezar preguntándole, ¿Por qué es importante contar con la alternativa de la eutanasia? | A very delicate subject, to some extent painful, no doubt. But I would like to start by asking, why is it important to have the alternative of euthanasia? |
| En ocasiones nosotros podemos, los médicos que atendemos pacientes terminales, aceptar de los pacientes, sin salvo así común la solicitud, de un suicidio asistido. Porque la eutanasia es un tema más complejo en el que el paciente decide quitarse la vida. | Sometimes we can, doctors who serve terminally ill patients, accept from patients, without exception so common a request, for assisted suicide. Because euthanasia is a more complex issue in which the patient decides to take his own life. |
| Es importante porque, bueno, los pacientes terminales, muchos de los cuales son pacientes con cáncer, a los que yo atiendo, son pacientes que ya no están con una calidad de vida que les permita seguir adelante. Son pacientes que, en ocasiones, aún con sus sentidos conservados, no son dignos de poder movilizarse, de poder asistirse en forma personal. Llega a un momento en el que los estudios médicos que hacemos nos indican que las posibilidades de vida del paciente son realmente muy pobres, y a muy corto plazo. | It is important because, well, terminally ill patients, many of whom are cancer patients, the ones I attend, are patients who are no longer with a quality of life that allows them to go on. These are patients who, sometimes, still retaining their senses, are not capable of being able to move, to be able to care for themselves personally. There comes a time when the medical studies we do indicate that the patient’s life chances are really very poor, and very short term. |
| Entonces, ese es el momento en el que hay a veces la solicitud del paciente. Uno puede analizar la situación de asistir a un suicidio por tu paciente que está con mucho dolor y que tienen pocos días de vida aquí adelante y porque nosotros estamos seguros de que estamos contando con la aquiescencia del paciencia y de la familia. | Then, sometimes at the patient's request one can analyze the situation of assisting suicide because of people who are in pain and who have few days of life here forward and because we are sure that we are counting on the acquiescence of the patient and of the family. |

**Vocabulary**

conservado retained, retaining

corto plazo short term, immediate

solicitud request

contando con counting on

aquiescencia acquiescence (consent, acceptance)