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Six months ago I was diagnosed with a fatal disease and put on hospice. I researched the disease, which I had never heard of, and learned that, aside from imminent death, I had a good chance of stroke.

The risk of surviving after suffering a debilitating stroke terrified me more than dying. Death with Dignity gave me an option, and returned a modicum of control of my own life/death to me.

That control, however brief, relieved a great deal of the mental/emotional anguish I was experiencing.

To the astonishment of many in the medical community, I did not die on schedule. I feel that each patient, each case, must be treated individually, that doctors should be guided by the unique situation of each one of us, that laws should reflect the unique situation of each one of us.