

## **Complications of EPAS**

Proponents of EPAS infer that it will ensure a peaceful death, however previous experience in jurisdictions where EPAS is legal has suggested that complications occur regularly:

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The same is the case in Belgium:

Vander Stichele, R. H., et al. "Drugs used for euthanasia in Flanders, Belgium." *Pharmacoepidemiology and drug safety* 13.2 (2004): 89-95.

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