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**Abstract:** This Element overviews developments and issues in Dutch euthanasia practice. Following an outline of the history of the Dutch Euthanasia Act and a survey of the most critical trends and figures, some current issues are explored in depth: euthanasia and incompetency, euthanasia by nonphysicians, and euthanasia for those who consider their lives completed. This Element is intended for a general readership, including undergraduate students in law, medicine, or ethics. This title is also available as Open Access on Cambridge Core.

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