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- NO, for two reasons:
 1. Parents are rarely the most qualified decision makers
 - a. Sometimes parents make poor decisions
 - b. Physicians more knowledgeable than parents
 - c. Parents have conflicts of interest
 - d. better potential DMs: physicians or professional proxies
 2. Children with decision making capacity should have a right to make decisions without surrogates for the same reasons adults do

IN YOUR GROUP, EITHER:

A. Find an objection to my argument;

or, if you agree with it,

B. Anticipate an objection others might make, and formulate an effective response to it

Parents should not have authority to make decisions that kill a child

- Parents should have the authority to decided what is in the best interests of their children, unless those decisions harm them.
- In cases where a decision will end in death, it seems like the decision harms the child.
- Therefore, in cases where parents make a decision that will end in death, parents should not have authority to make that decision

Is death always a harm?

- “In cases where a decision will end in death, it seems like the decision harms the child.”
 - Is this true?
 - Schuklenk argues that it is not. Sometimes it is in the best interests of the child to die.