

Margot Bentley is in her 80's. She had a career as a nurse and worked with patients suffering from Alzheimer Disease. This experience informed the 'Statement of Wishes' she wrote in 1991 to express care she would and would not want if she became incapable. In 1999 she was diagnosed with Alzheimer Disease. She discussed her wishes with her husband and daughters, including her wish to refuse nourishment and liquids. Margot is currently a resident of Maplewood House care facility. She is considered to be in the advanced stages of dementia and is being spoon fed. Her husband, daughters and family physician believe this is against her wishes. Fraser Health, as a designated agency under the abuse and neglect provisions of the Adult Guardianship Act (Part 3), said that Maplewood House would be guilty of neglect if they discontinued feeding Margot. Margot Bentley's family sued Maplewood House, Fraser Health and the Province of BC for not complying with Margot's written wishes.