Technologies that Prolong Life

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| Example | Scientific (how it works) | Social (some positive and negative outcomes) |
| AED – automatic electronic defibrillator | Shocks your heart back into rhythm | Second chance at life; increase life span |
| Oxygen tank | Increases percentage of oxygen a person can inhale | Independence – can live a somewhat normal life |
| Dialysis | Cleans toxins from blood when kidneys are failing | Family involvement (time consuming), big commitment |
| Life support | Breathes for a person and circulates their blood | Patient is unconscious, rarely do they recover; financial burden (loss of income, family time off work); stress on families – life at a standstill |
| Pills | Regulate body back to homeostasis | Freedom, energy;Side effects can be uncomfortable |
| Others… |  |  |
| Pacemaker |  |  |
| Insulin pump |  |  |
| puffer |  |  |
| MRI |  |  |

Technologies that Terminate Life

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| Example | Scientific | Social |
| Euthanasia (Mercy-killing/assisted suicide) | Doctor assists a person’s death at a time chosen by the person | Family upset – disagree; less suffering; judgement |
| abortion | Shed the lining of the uterus, expelling baby | Female can make the choice; emotional toil; killing a life - judgement |
| Lethal injection | Death penalty – uses drugs to end the life of a person convicted of a crime | Should a person be killed for committing a crime? Peace for families/victims? Innocent? |
| Others |  |  |
| Gas chamber |  |  |
| Anthrax (chemical weapons) |  |  |