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Dr. Harvey Chochinov of the University of Manitoba is a psychiatrist who specializes in psychiatry, and he is also the director of the Centre of Excellence in End-of-Life Care in Winnipeg.

A paper presented at The 2nd Annual Conference of the Canadian Federation of Medical Students and Society of Medicine, Dr. Chochinov drew a number of conclusions on the ethical and legal implications of euthanasia.

He emphasized that the issue of physician-assisted suicide is not a matter to be taken lightly, as it involves the core issue of respect for human life. He pointed out that while the majority of the Canadian public supports the legalisation of euthanasia, this support is mostly based on personal experiences and not on a thorough understanding of the issues at play.

The issue of euthanasia is particularly relevant in the context of terminal illnesses, where patients are faced with the choice of prolonging their life at the cost of their quality of life. The ethical and legal implications of physician-assisted suicide are complex, and it is important to consider the potential impact on future generations of physicians.

Chochinov also discussed the role of medical education in shaping the attitudes of future doctors towards the issue of euthanasia. He argued that medical students and residents need to be given a thorough education on the ethical and legal issues surrounding euthanasia, so that they are prepared to make informed decisions.

In conclusion, while the majority of Canadians support the legalisation of euthanasia, it is important to consider the potential impact on future generations of physicians. Medical education and training are crucial in shaping the attitudes of future doctors towards the issue of euthanasia.