

Laetrile (pharmaceutical)

Hi-tech

innovative

Benefits: \diamond cure/palliative/preventive, $<$ \$, $<$ side effects, placebo effect, hope

Costs: no evidence, waste \$, opportunity costs, false hope, \diamond toxicities

Some people believe: benefits greater than the costs [cancer patients and drug manufacturers]

Some people believe: costs greater than the benefits [FDA]

Cancer patients, Laetrile manufacturers, government (FDA) [decision-makers]

[American Medical Association, family, physicians, advocacy groups]

Whose belief should prevail?

Who ought to make the decision?