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Is death by lethal injection (euthanasia) similar to drowning?

Media should be cautious about glamorising euthanasia by referring to it as a peaceful death in light of an autopsy performed on an executed prisoner, according to FamilyVoice Australia.

“A death-row inmate executed for the murder of a woman and the rape and murder of a teenage girl suffered ‘excruciating’ pain ‘similar to drowning’ during the lethal injection procedure,” [reported news.com.au](https://www.news.com.au).

An autopsy performed on Purkey, it was revealed today, revealed he suffered “severe bilateral acute pulmonary oedema” and “frothy pulmonary oedema in trachea and main stem bronchi”.

This means fluid quickly entered Purkey’s lungs and trachea, causing “a near-drowning” sensation which a medical expert described as “among the most excruciating feelings known to man”.

This research is important because the same and similar drugs are used for euthanasia.

“Are euthanasia patients in Australia being warned that death by injection could be an excruciating experience?”, asked FamilyVoice spokesman David d’Lima.

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