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Examines how the courts have applied the best interests test and the children's welfare principle in cases where doctors and parents disagree about the provision of experimental medical treatment to a seriously ill child. Assesses the argument that the parents should be the final arbiter of their child's care. Discusses the proposal to introduce a harm threshold below which the courts will not overturn the parents' wishes.

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