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## ANOREXIA NERVOSA: A CASE STUDY IN PATHOLOGICAL DESIRE

Anorexia nervosa involves a desire for thinness that results in severe malnutrition and sometimes even death. These desires are often referred to as pathological. In this talk, Dr. Gadsby will discuss the applicability and ethical implications of that label. He will first introduce the claim that pathological states must be related to forms of dysfunction. He will then outline the different factors that cause thinness desires in anorexia, their relationship to the concept of dysfunction, and the ethical implications that follow.

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