The following reflection attempts to relativize the considerations implied in the principle of autonomy which served as the basis for the modern doctor-patient relationships. Places the analysis from three aspects (1) the limits set by the principles of dignity and vulnerability as its basis; (2) the underlying dynamics in the informed consent; (3) the output from the power to discern and the principle of beneficence.

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