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No doubt about it, life is too short and there is lot to do to change this situation. A big part of this project will involve diverting the nearly two TRILLION dollars spent annually on armaments to preventing disease, making damaged bodies and minds whole again, preserving species and species diversity and also to spending on human exploration of the rest of the Solar System (for a start).

Ignoring the superstitious options, when you run out of medical options to keep you alive, and you want a greater than zero chance of some sort of physical revival, then there is no choice but to have a Cryonic Suspension. Make no mistake, Cryonicists consider a Suspension the second-worst thing that can happen to you (the worst thing is a permanent and irretrievable death) so staying alive and healthy is the main aim for as long as you possibly can.

If, for some reason, you don't want a second chance at life after a Cryonic Suspension, then you should, AT THE VERY LEAST, preserve your neural tissue as a valuable and unique historical record and perspective of a human life on Earth.

The practice of cooling people for surgery (brain, heart and other operations) and medical cooling (heart attacks, strokes etc) is well established and rapidly expanding in use. People revive much better and with fewer physical and cognitive deficits with this treatment.

The colours in the chart below reflect the likelihood of revival from the treatment either currently or in the near future ie Green is good, Orange should be good soon and Red is sometime in the future – my view is decades but other Cryonicists think it will be hundreds of years. I think if it takes that long there will be other problems besides technological ones that prevent re-animation of frozen people and decoding of the neural architecture of frozen brains eg natural and man-made disasters (nuclear war, global environmental collapse etc). This all sounds a bit gloomy but Cryonicists are nothing if not optimists.

I will be doing what I can to encourage research into the orange and red areas as these will inevitably be valuable treatments in the medical toolkit for treating people with more severe conditions and who need to “buy some time”

N.B. In the chart below, please note the logarithmic scale for the number of days on the X-axis.

Comparison of Medical Temperature Reduction Treatments

