

Constitution - Who is in charge of your health decisions?

A July 2006 headline reads:

Teen loses fight to use alternative cancer treatment

“NORFOLK, Virginia (AP) A judge ruled Friday that a 16-year-old boy fighting to use alternative treatment for his cancer must report to a hospital by Tuesday and accept treatment that doctors deem necessary, the family's attorney said.”

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/HEALTH/07/21/sick.teen.ap/index.html>

What part of your State's constitution or the U.S. Constitution empowers the government to override a person's health decisions?

Should the government have the final say in the personal health care decisions of its citizens? Support your answer.
