MEASURING BORDERLINE STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

A number of techniques have recently been developed for measuring states of consciousness in clinical settings. Measures using fMRI imaging and electroencephalography have been applied to patients diagnosed with vegetative state and patients under anesthesia. These measures raise many scientific and philosophical questions.

- What is the best measure of consciousness in these cases?
- How can we justify these measures, given private and subjective nature of consciousness?
- What is the best way to use these measures clinically?
- What ethical issues do they raise?
- What might these measures tell us about the nature of consciousness?

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