

THE MEDICAL CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE MENTALLY PATIENTS

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Introduction: There is extensive legal research on data protection and consequently health data. Medical confidentiality is of particular importance for the protection of the personality of the mentally ill because society still maintains prejudices against mental illness.

Purpose: To investigate the safeguarding of the right of the mentally ill to protect their medical confidentiality.

Review Method: A bibliographic search was performed in the electronic database "Medline" and through a search engine "Google Scholar" with the keywords: patient confidentiality, medical confidentiality psychiatry and psychiatric patients, for the period 2010-2020. Criteria for exclusion of articles were the language, except English and Greek. Finally, 20 articles were included in the review.

Results: The care of mental health involves special treatment, and according to the KID where an independent and long article is dedicated to it (article 28 par. 4 par. B). Medical liability in the case of the mentally ill presents peculiarities and differences in relation to other specialties. This is exactly the point that requires very delicate behavior from the doctor and other health professionals, who is called to face problems, which are related to the sphere of protection of the personality of his patient.

The concept of confidentiality includes "any event known only to a limited circle of persons who have an interest or wish to remain known only to them". In addition, confidentiality and secrecy must be surrounded by additional guarantees in favor of the patient, so that it is not used as a pretext against him, by fraudulent relatives, who wish to bypass him in this process, in order to inherit themselves. or other material benefits.

Conclusions: The responsibility of health professionals in maintaining the confidentiality of the mentally ill presents peculiarities and involves special treatment.

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