



Chronic Illness, Communication & Consent

Manifesting rights and equality in the clinic



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This presentation discusses the nature of communication and consent when chronically ill patients undergo hospitalization. We examine two case studies and explore the difficulty of communicating medical and social information between patients (as well as their families) and, clinicians. Several factors emerge that influence the quality of the two-way exchange between chronically ill patients and health care teams: how do teaching hospital hierarchies interact with egalitarian patients' bill of rights? how do health care systems' emphases on shortening patient hospital stays unfold when addressing chronic and complex diagnoses? What exactly is 'patient centred-care' when patients are critically or complexly ill? how does the consulting model of health care teams either promote or discourage patient driven care and the quality of consent? The aim of this presentation is to foment discussion about these and other issues.

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