

## Compulsory internment and its variables: socio-cultural and ethical reflections on the patient's treatment and reintegration into society

### Abstract

The addiction and its consequences, after several attempts of combating, are still a challenge in a sense of the modalities of treatments destined to the chemically dependents. The question emerges in the society and it is not possible to solve it with palliative measures. This article aims to analyze the ethical and socio-cultural questions inserted in the use of the compulsory internment in order to treat the chemical dependence. Therefore, we have used, as the source of researching, a bibliographical revision to emphasize the measure of compulsory intervention in health of drug abusers, reformulated by the Law n. 10.216/01, which concerns about internment measure without the own patient's submission. This text involves a brief historical overview about the laws regulate drugs, from the prohibition in the second half of the 20th century to the current Brazilian law n. 11.343/06. This article also the responsibilities of some social entities, as well as the own users' drugs about their decision-making ability. Moreover, this text highlights the necessity to construct appropriate structures to treat with the drug addiction, which is a fundamental element for social reintegration.

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