

Debating Involuntary Treatment

Category: Workshop

Abstract Body

In this workshop, two psychiatrists will participate in a respectful debate about involuntary treatment. Since psychiatrists are familiar with community treatment orders and the Mental Health Act, the two addiction medicine psychiatrists will offer unique, but different perspectives. The session will be moderated by a person with lived experience who is an addiction case manager.

Key Words

- Advocacy
- Assessment/screening
- Concurrent Disorders
- Ethical issues
- Mutual Help/Peer Support/Lived Experience
- Policy
- Psychiatric Co-Morbidities
- Recovery
- Treatment Models/Programs

Learning Objective # 1

Recognize the strengths and weaknesses of involuntary treatment

Learning Objective # 2

Demonstrate that respectful debates can occur in addiction medicine

Reference # 1

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