

## **P-916 - CAN PEOPLE WITH PERSONALITY DISORDERS BE TREATED WITHOUT CONSENT?**

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**Introduction:** In 2007 the Mental Health Act in England and Wales was amended and the definition of Mental Disorder was broadened. This change affected people with Personality Disorders who now can be admitted for hospital treatment without consent.

**Objectives:** This poster reviews research on the different perspectives about the new law.

**Aims:** To clarify this subject by examining the attitude of contemporary psychiatry with regard to the interfaces between Personality Disorders and the new law.

**Methods:** MEDLINE and PsycINFO databases were searched for all English-language articles published between 2008 and 2011 containing the keywords "Personality Disorder" and "Mental Health Act" Additional key articles published before 2007 were reviewed. The most relevant articles were selected for review.

**Results and conclusions:** There is still no common consensus in regard to the benefit of compulsory admission to hospitals of people with Personality Disorders. Some of the most frequently encountered difficulties and ambiguities are around the definition of Personality Disorder, clear diagnostic criteria and lack of effective treatment.