Prisoners Of Psychiatry: Mental Patients, Psychiatrists, And The Law

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Psychiatrists commonly face ethical and legal issues such as informed consent, the right to treatment, the right to refuse treatment, substitute decision making, and advance directives when treating psychiatric patients. Methods used: Diagnosis. This article reviews the role and use of psychiatric medications in children and adolescents suffering from mental illness. Issues regarding treatment approaches, treatment planning, legal concerns, and decision making are addressed. Commonly used medications are reviewed.