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ETHICAL DILEMMAS OF FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS OF PERSONALITY DISORDER

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Background and aims: The implementation of the four main ethical principles (respect for autonomy, beneficence (benefit to patients), non-maleficence (not to harm) and justice, in the field of forensic psychiatry becomes complex especially when it has to be applied in the analysis of persons with personality disorder who commit a crime. The dilemmas arise because these individuals manifest problematic and unacceptable behavior on the one hand, and on the other hand, in terms of criminal responsibility, they are usually criminally responsible. Sometimes this leads to conflicting forensic assessments by two psychiatrists, a situation that is confusing for the court. This paper attempts to analyze some of these dilemmas.

Methods: Two forensic cases were processed, of persons who committed two different crimes - robbery and domestic violence.

Results: The individual approach to each individual case and the acceptance of the influence of personality changes as crucial are the two main conclusions of this analysis.

Discussion - Conclusions: The main question is what is the most effective response to antisocial behavior: is punishment or medical treatment the most effective way of preventing future crimes and protecting society? Ethical aspects: the situation could be improved by a by including assessments and measures that will bring professionals closer to the most favorable outcome

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