

EVEN AT WAR AGAINST CORONAVIRUS, PATIENTS ARE STILL ENTITLED TO THEIR RIGHTS, SAYS CPM

Friday March 27th 2020. Like Quebec Premier said, we are at war, emphasizes Paul Brunet, chair of the Conseil pour la protection des malades.

The current and exceptional situation we are all experiencing now, similar in some ways to a war period, should not make everyone forget that patients still deserve to be treated and protected, as human beings.

Even in war time, fundamental rights still rule relations between the State and its citizens as the Geneva convention in times of war prescribes:

- The right to be treated with dignity
- The right not to be abandoned
- The right to adequate food
- Access to hygiene
- The right not to be intimidated or insulted

The right to life and to be respectfully treated must prevail even in those very difficult times.

Some troubling situations have been reported to CPM and we will continue monitoring and denouncing unacceptable situations.

Of course, all hospital and CHSLD personnel must be supported and thanked for their work towards patients.

Mistreatment and negligence were present as a risk in our health establishments before coronavirus and we must be even more vigilant in the present period.

International law allows to hold responsible anyone who, even in war times, has acted against people, patients or even against war prisoners.

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