

CORRECTION

Secure care: more harm than good

CMAJ has been made aware of an error that occurred in the Oct. 15, 2018, issue.¹

In the fourth paragraph of the article, reference citations were omitted from the following sentences:

In a systematic review of studies on court-mandated treatment, authors found that forced treatment did not improve outcomes for substance use. Instead, findings showed higher levels of mental duress, homelessness, relapse and overdose among adults after discharge from mandated treatment.⁵ [Reference 5 in the article: Klag S, O'Callaghan F, Creed P. The use of legal coercion in the treatment of substance abusers: an overview and critical analysis of thirty years of research. *Subst Use Misuse* 2005;40:1777–95.]

The sentences should have been written as follows:

In a systematic review of studies on court-mandated treatment, authors found that forced treatment did not improve outcomes for substance use.² Instead, research shows higher levels of mental duress associated with compulsory admission to treatment;³ persistent homelessness associated with community treatment orders;⁴ higher rates of relapse associated with

compulsory admission to treatment;⁵ and increased risk of overdose among adults after discharge from mandated treatment.⁶

The authors regret the error.

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