

GRADUATING PSYCHIATRIC COERCIVE MEASURES

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AIM of the present PhD project:

To investigate how psychiatric patients and psychiatric staff experience the application of different types of coercive measures in order to examine and identify the coercive measures which in general and in relation to specific patient and staff characteristics are least intrusive (cf. the Danish law Psychiatry Act and the 'least-intrusive-remedy' principle).

STUDY 1

A review of the existing empirical research literature on patients' and staff's experiences of various types of coercive measures.

STUDY 2

An investigation of how Danish psychiatric patients experience various types of coercion using the Coercion Experience Scale (CES):
2.a) Translation and validation of the CES questionnaire within a Danish psychiatric context.
2.b) Quantitative study of how psychiatric patients experience various types of coercive measures and what coercive measures are experienced as least intrusive using CES.

STUDY 3

Focus group interviews among psychiatric staff regarding their experience with coercive measures and their experience of various types of coercive measures from the perspective of the 'least-intrusive-remedy' principle.