Addiction as a Disease... Are We Treating it Like one?

From my experience...

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Conflicting Priorities...

TO MURSE IN CHARGE.

NORMAN IS OR HAVE TO LEAVE

THE HOSPITAL GODS MONITOR I PROMISE YOU
I WILL RETURN AT DINNER TIME.
I JUST HAVE TO GET ME SOME HEROIN

P.S.

SORRY THAT I LEFT
BUT I KNOW YOU WOULD HAVE
NOT LET ME SO SEE YOU
AT DINNER TIME PROMISE.

Specific note found at pts nightstand table
7:40 pm. No answers.
This is where my patients get their medical care...
This is where my patients got their methadone maintenance for their opioid use disorder...
Methadone clinic needs new home

By Alexis Chiu
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

A nondescript building on Beacon Street holds the key to Iveta's day-to-day existence. It's where she goes for the sweet-tasting liquid that fuels her success as a mother, a recovering

Patients worry as proposed sites draw opposition

Attempts to relocate the clinic have been unsuccessful, largely because it sees so many clients. The clinic examined several sites but has been blocked by community opposition.

Pervez Chowdhury, who owns a convenience store a few doors down from HMI, said he is looking forward to the day when the clinic moves from Kenmore Square.

"I get some business from them, but it's not worth it," Chowdhury said.

Chowdhury said he has caught clinic clients trying to steal from his store.

"I can tell by their face that they're from the clinic," he said, adding that some stores deny entrance to all HMI patients.

HMI last month filed a lawsuit alleging that the city is trying to unfairly change zoning codes to prevent the clinic from signing a lease at a site near Downtown Crossing. The Zoning Commission is expected to take up the matter today at its meeting.

"It's the big guns' way of trying to push us farther and farther away," said Patrick, 54, who

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A “controversial” drug?

“I don’t believe in methadone...

substituting one drug for another...

liquid handcuffs…”
Mixed messages...
How this impacts patient care and safety

A liver transplant that went badly...
Understanding my own *(and others)*
negative feelings...

**Join the Parade!**

There are no methadone
maintenance pride parades...
We are making progress...

Friedmann and Schwartz Addiction Science & Clinical Practice 2012, 7:10
http://www.ascpjournals.org/content/7/1/10

COMMENTS

Just call it “treatment”
Peter D Friedmann1 and Robert P Schwartz2

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Editorial
Stop Talking ‘Dirty’: Clinicians, Language, and Quality of Care for the Leading Cause of Preventable Death in the United States
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