

Considerations on the new Chilean law about rights and duties of patients

Reflexiones en torno a la ley N° 20.584 y sus implicancias para la investigación biomédica en Chile

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© 2015, Sociedad Medica de Santiago. All rights reserved. After years of discussion by the Chilean legislature, the Law N° 20.584, which regulates health care related rights and duties of people, entered into force in Chile in October 2012. This bill represents an important step in the recognition and protection of health care related rights, welfare, dignity and duties of persons. It also intends to protect potential participants in clinical research. However such protective measures include explicit prohibitions such as the review of clinical records or the inclusion of people with mental or psychological handicaps as research participants. We herein discuss the implications of this law in medical research.