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Topic: No Choice No Voice: The reality of Forced Treatment in B.C.
Acres Research Summary:

Forced treatment policies in British Columbia, particularly for mental health and substance use, remain controversial. While intended to protect individuals, research shows high relapse rates, psychological harm, and ethical concerns. This poster examines the effectiveness of involuntary care, advocating for harm reduction, trauma-informed approaches, and policy reforms prioritizing voluntary, patient-centered treatment.



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Protester Image:
https://smartcdn.gprod.postmedia.digital/vancouversun/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/overdose-crisis-20220414.jpg?quality=90&strip=all&w=288&h=216&sig=eJq8ljlfohZQuvTAxuwHYg
Doctor & Law Image:
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No forced treatment image:
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Health care providers attend overdose (BC):
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Help in blue pills:
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