

Seeing the person behind the pathology

From a norm to its implementation

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Introduction

- “From good intentions to a change in practices”
- The patient: between autonomous subject and vulnerable person
- Involving caregivers and their possibilities in ethics

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What person are we talking about?
The literalism of a norm



What person are we talking about?

- **The body in the experience of the patient**

- The body exists as we feel it
- What the body can do, what the patient experiences

What person are we talking about?

- **The mind in what the caregiver perceives**
- The requirement of an autonomous and coherent subject
- What our expressions say about our preferences and reluctances

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The caregiver as a person

The practical implications of this norm



The caregiver as a person

- **The body that *is* the caregiver**
- Omnipresence in practice, the grand absentee in ethics
- Develop one's ability to be affected in a variety of ways at once



The caregiver as a person

- **To be there *also* as a person**
- The issue of professional conduct that inhibits and conceals the person
- Recognising the status of one's own representations

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Ethics cannot be mandated

The anthropological conditions of implementation

Ethics cannot be mandated

- **The modification of practical habits**
 - The dual pitfall of common sense and goodwill
 - Workshops on “practising the gestures”

Ethics cannot be mandated

- **Positioning oneself in another temporality**
 - We are *therefore* determined in the present moment
 - The time for participative ethical reflection

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Toward a new anthropology of caregiving relationships

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A new anthropology of caregiving relationships

- **Another approach to the caregiving situation**
 - Clinical evaluation alongside biomedical imaging
 - Plural and intersecting perspectives on a given situation

A new anthropology of caregiving relationships

- **Recognising the movement inherent to human life**
 - A variable way of being affected by external things
 - Restoring movement to caregivers in their daily practice



Conclusion

- Welcoming patients' experiences cannot be mandated (the norm)
- The wealth of patients' experiences in the training of caregivers (implementation)
- Staying in the relationship: against the ethics of rights of some opposed to the duties of others