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Respect for patient's private and family life and the possibility of its limitation in the view of article 5 of the Act on the Patient Rights and the Ombudsman of the Patient Rights

The article discusses the issue of protecting personal interest, such as privacy, within the view of hospitalized patients. The focus of attention is a patient's right to his private and family life to be respected, and the lack of foregoing due to limitations caused by a decision of a head of a hospital. The current situation in 24-hour medical service centers is presented, as well as the possibilities which the legislator has given to their managers in terms of limiting the right of a patient to privacy. The problem of enforcement of the right to privacy in a situation of its infringement is also described.

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