Infusion and Self-Infusion of the Haemophiliacs and Home Treatment: Medical and Legal Problems

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In Italy, home treatment can be done in the following regions: Lombardia, Piemonte, Liguria, Emilia-Romagna, Toscana, Lazio, Campania e Puglia, out of local laws stating: (a) theoretical and practical training to be managed by the hospitals, reserved to the haemophiliacs and their relatives; (b) a final test showing one's fitness. If passed, an infusion or self-infusion licence would be given (valid until revocation); (c) particular duties for the patient (e.g. checkup every 6 months).

The problem of the responsibility of the medician trainer has been advanced: The Italian Minister of Health solved the question saying that: (1) This is not to practice the profession of a doctor; it is not necessary for people trained to get any special certificate or other degree, or to be inscribed to

any professional list. The license given by the hospital (valid as public acknowledgement) is enough, for this is not an activity. (2) Self-infusion does not contrast with health laws, it is an instrument used in cases of emergency to take over the management of one's health.

Obviously, self-infusion is allowed only when pharmaceutical products are used which composition, risks and effects (if any) are known by the National Health Minister, each concentrate available has been registered and controlled by the NHD.