

# Perceived coercion – at what time?

Development of an instrument measuring perceived coercion during the treatment episode

# Project Measuring perceived coercion

- Finance and mission from the Norwegian Directorate of Health
- Development at Ahus University Hospital
- Develop an instrument capable of measuring perceived coercion at different stages in the course of treatment
- In the format of a questionnaire



# When to ask?

- Selective memory
  - negative or positive bias?
  - halo-effect?
- Close to the experience or retrospectively evaluated?
- Facilitating on-site changes?



# Organising the project

- Cooperating institutions
- Reporting to the Norwegian directorate of mental health
- Involving stakeholders:
  - Reference group
  - Ad hoc/topic meetings
    - Panel interviews
    - mini-seminars
    - etc
- Ahus university hospital, department for Research and development, mental health
  - Researcher Aina Holmén
  - Supervisor Torleif Ruud
  - Project worker Olav Nytingnes, psychologist





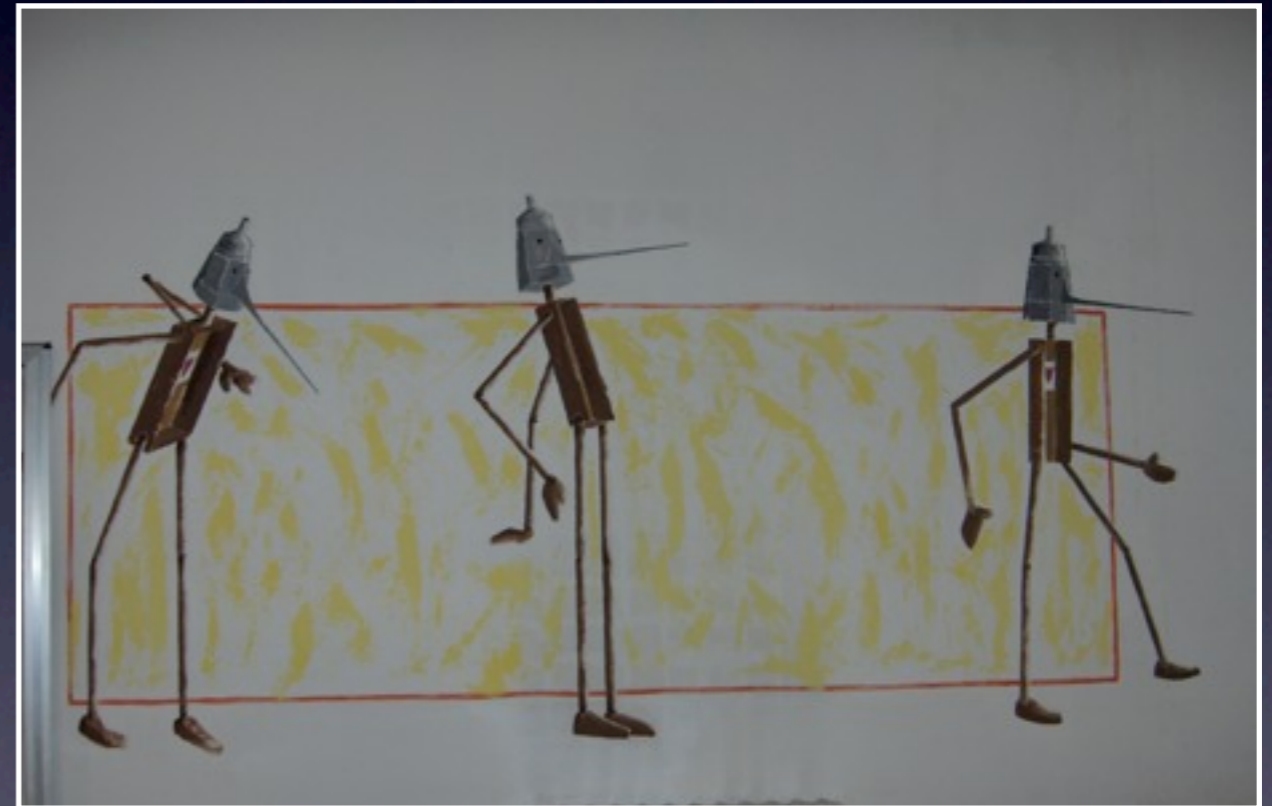
# Phases of development

6. Preparing the questionnaire for practical use
  - Reporting on the questionnaire
    - How to use
    - Areas of use
    - Psychometric qualities
  - Finished by summer 2013

1. Dimensions of perceived coercion
2. Define psychometric requirements
3. Develop items on the important dimensions
4. Testing and revising the questionnaire
5. Develop a version for oral report

# Challenges and dilemmas

- A task with many goals, partly conflicting
  - Extensive vs practical
  - Covering many forms and aspects of coercion in many arenas
  - Valid report in a coercive setting
  - unrandom non-responders





# Possible solutions

- Oral version
- Different versions in different settings
- Some form of Modular design
- Identify common dimensions across settings and means of coercion





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