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Many people did lobotomies because they didn't like the way others reacted/lived. If you were a little bit different, they wanted to change you. They were based on the premise that symptoms of the mentally ill were caused by faulty connections between the frontal lobes and a different part of the brain, the thalamus. The Purpose of it was to fry those connections and regrowing them should “treat” the symptoms of the mentally ill. Two thirds of patients have shown improvement after surgery but not all of the doctors were responsible. Lobotomies need extremely amazing technique which if not done correctly patients will be left with some terrible side effects. I believe in the movie that McMurphy got a lobotomy is because the doctors and nurses believed he had impulsive decision making, and when he went to hurt Nurse Ratched it went over the top and he “needed” to be stopped.

What are lobotomies?
They are a form of psychosurgery. Lobotomy is a type of procedure where a specialized Doctor will go into your skull and try to disconnect/burn the connections between the frontal lobe and the thalamus. Which are the decision making and motor signal portions of the brain.

Why did the movie feel the need to make McMurphy get a lobotomy?
In the movie they felt as if McMurphy couldn’t hold back on how he was feeling, and he acted impulsively, He started to become dangerous. They hospital couldn’t have a dangerous patient among other sick patients. They did what they thought was right, giving him a procedure that had ⅔ of patients have shown improvement. In this case McMurphy was “brain dead” he could still hear and see, but it was as if he was in a coma.

Are lobotomies humane?
No, they are taking parts of the brain that are supposed to be there whether or not they work

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