



**COD 3 - Determining patients' capacity for decision-making**

**Key Features**

- This EPA focuses on assessing frail older adults' capacity to assign a substitute decision maker and to decide about personal care and healthcare in the context of provincial medico-legal legislation.
- This EPA includes conducting screens for financial capacity but does not involve any formal medico-legal opinion or declaration
- Observation of this EPA can be done in a variety of settings and experiences, including simulation, and inpatient service and outpatient clinic in geriatric medicine and/or geriatric psychiatry

**Target**

- Collect 3 observations of achievement
- At least 1 personal care decision
- At least 1 screen of financial capacity
- At least 1 direct observation

**Case presentation**

personal care decision; major health care decision/treatment; establishing goals of care; future care planning; hospital discharge planning; acceptance of health services; acceptance of residential care; abuse/neglect; financial capacity screen

**Setting**

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**Assessor**

- geriatrician; geriatrician psychiatrist

**Milestones in Elentra**

- ME 2.2 Perform a capacity assessment, screening for financial capacity, as required relevant to the patient presentation
- ME 2.2 Demonstrate effective clinical problem solving and judgment to address patient capacity to make a decision
- ME 2.4 Develop and implement management plans
- COM 1.6 Tailor approaches to patient capacity assessment taking into account culture, education, sensory impairment, language
- COM 3.1 Provide information on diagnosis and prognosis in a clear, comprehensive, respectful and objective manner
- COM 5.1 Maintain clear, concise, accurate, and appropriate records of clinical encounters and plans
- COL 1.3 Collaborate with the patient's health care team in order to perform a comprehensive capacity assessment, as needed
- HA 1.1 Facilitate timely access to resources including the public guardian and/or trustee, legal advice, appeal mechanisms, family education and support
- P 3.1 Apply provincial laws governing practice as it pertains to consent, capacity, and elder abuse and neglect