

Questioning Capacity: Making Ethical Healthcare Decisions

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An area of healthcare often encountered but usually not well explained is capacity and all that it entails. Kerry R. Peck, managing partner of Peck Ritchey, LLC, will lead a discussion surrounding an individual's capacity to make decisions. In addition, he will discuss the ethical issues that arise in decision making and who can make decisions for someone without the ability to do so themselves. This discussion will give you information to determine mental capacity and discuss the laws in place to protect those without the mental capacity to make decisions.

Following this presentation, the participant will be able to:

1. Discuss medical versus legal determination of capacity.
2. Illustrate who makes the decisions when it comes to a person who may or may not have decisional capacity.
3. Outline the ethical issues that can arise in various stages of decision making for people with diminished capacity.

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