



# Health care decision making

(this includes tests, examinations, treatments, and procedures related to health such as surgery, medications, and vaccines)

**Is the person capable of making an informed decision about the proposed treatment?**

- Do they understand the proposed care/treatment?
- Do they understand and appreciate the risks associated with either consenting or refusing consent to the proposed care/treatment?

YES

Proceed with the person's instructions.

YES

NO

MAYBE

**Consider the following strategies to better support decision-making:**

- are they in a good mood?
- are they lucid?
- can you come back at a different time to revisit the decision?
- can you give them time to consider the decision?
- can you explain the decision and consequences differently?
- can you involve a support person to assist them to make an informed decision?
- can they express their wishes about the decision?
- can you support a different communication method? i.e. visual aids, plain language, have a language interpreter

After trying these strategies, can the person provide informed consent?

NO

Proceed to **Substitute Decision Making Tool**, or if **EMERGENCY**, proceed to **Emergency Provisions of HCCFA Act**.

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