



EPA COURSE TITLE	Myths, misconceptions and pitfalls in consent and capacity assessment: cases, causes and clinical approaches
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COURSE LEVEL	Basic
EDUCATIONAL INTENTIONS/ COURSE OUTCOMES	1. Recognise, understand and avoid common myths, misconceptions and pitfalls in the assessment of capacity and consent. 2. Demonstrate improved confidence in managing clinical scenarios involving assessment of capacity, consent and treatment refusal.
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>This practical course is aimed at all clinicians dealing with clinical cases where there is uncertainty regarding whether a patient can consent or refuse treatment. Treatment refusal and consent issues can present some of the most challenging clinical situations for practising psychiatrists and other clinical staff. Most of us have some understanding of the pertinent points but despite this the quality and accuracy of capacity assessment can be poor. This can lead to problematic outcomes: for example, assuming that a patient with aphasia lacks capacity, or that an individual with known personality disorder has capacity on the basis that they express a strong clear view in refusing treatment for a potentially lethal overdose. Highly interactive teaching methods are used that include material from the audience's own clinical experiences. This includes a combination of didactic teaching, lots of discussion and an introduction to a clinical decision-making aid. Participants can expect to improve their understanding of the issues involved, and improve their confidence in avoiding pitfalls when dealing with capacity, consent and treatment refusal issues. Julian Beezhold has acted as an expert witness in court, taught widely internationally and published guidance on capacity and treatment refusal. Jan Wise is regularly an expert witness in court, has taught widely internationally, designed and led CME courses, published on capacity and consent and is Chair of the British Medical Association Medico-legal Committee.</p>
PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE	Basic understanding of treatment consent
COURSE METHODS AND MATERIAL	Small group discussions Case studies Vignette Video Slides Handouts
TARGET AUDIENCE	N/A