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Mental Capacity scenarios.

Older Gentleman.

- 62 yr old man with mid-late stage dementia admitted from his care home with clot retention
- Bleeding due to enlarged, non-malignant prostate for which hormones would take a few months more to work
- Happy in his care home but this is third admission with clot retention and each admission disrupts his behaviour. Urologist offering prostatectomy.
- Wife and daughter are doctors, wife is his LPA for health and welfare. They feel surgery would be distressing for him. Agree to have a best interests meeting.
- Went through the MCA checklist and at the need to consider the least restrictive option, the family immediately realised that surgery would prevent future admissions.
- Pros and cons of surgery discussed. He was otherwise a fit man and it was decided that he would have chosen surgery.
- Had prostatectomy, recovered well and never had to be admitted again.

Young man with Learning Disability.

- 18 year old man with learning disability.
- Previous looked after child in foster placement, now in a private care home.
- Lacked capacity around treatment and resuscitation decisions.
- No family, previous foster family want to be involved.
- Decisions to be made, surgery, level of care and ReSPeCT.



Case example Older Lady

- 100 year old lady.
- Pacemaker inserted some time ago.
- Batteries beginning to fail.
- Written advance directive stating no further life sustaining treatment.
- Son in agreement with his mother.
- Medical Team concerned about their responsibility.



THANK YOU

