

Cross-training
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Capacity and its challenges



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Conflicts of interest



None

Objectives



1. Clarifying our role (and its limitations!)
2. Reviewing “the essentials” or “process”
3. Common challenges and other pitfalls
4. Clinical cases...(?)

Our role



- **Medical opinion (humbly)**
- **When faced with uncertainty...opinion of society**
- **Judge = “society” (not black or white)**
- **Concept of “bias”**

“The essentials”



- **Patient: - Complete clinical evaluation... multiple visits - consistency**
- **Other professionals, Occ Ther, Neuropsych, S.W., Physio**
- **File review**

“The essentials” (2)



- **Family, friends, neighbours. Obtain information, understand the evolution, notion of temporality is important**
- **Others, CLSC, community organizations, police**

Common challenges and pitfalls



- **Changing situations... ETOH, Diabetes**
- **Missing or little information**
- **Differences of opinion (family, staff...)**

Common challenges and pitfalls (2)



- **Concept of abuse (\$, physical, love, neglect)**
- **Hygiene**
- **Medical optimization**

Clinical cases



- MAOAM V. 78:- Widow, lives alone. Multiple visits to the ER.
- ETOH (peach schnapps). MMSE 21-29...
- What to do?

Clinical cases (2)



- **Mr. A. 81: Single, severe lymphedema.**
- **Loss of mobility. Hygiene (?)**