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Health Professional's Role in Advance Directives for People with Dementia

Decision making in advance and putting enduring powers in place are important for everyone, but particularly for people with dementia.

Understanding the law and practice associated with advance directives, advance care planning and the role of the Guardianship Board is an essential part of the role of health professionals.

However, many health professionals are unable to assist their clients with advance care planning due to a lack of understanding around the issues.

We can help.

Date: 6 September 2012

Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm

Venue: Adelaide Meridien Hotel
21-39 Melbourne Street
North Adelaide, SA 5006

Catering: Lunch and morning tea provided

Cost: No charge

Points: RCNA CNE=6

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Recommended for

Health professionals working with people living with dementia. Including, but not limited to, doctors, nurses, occupational and diversional therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists, social workers, speech pathologists and tertiary level students.

Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the ethical and legal principles which underpin advance directives in South Australia.
2. Understand the process of completing the documents, including access to legal information and witnessing.
3. Identify the issues and barriers that inhibit people from completing the documents before the loss of capacity.
4. Identify the different legal and policy documents in South Australia.
5. The role of the Guardianship Board and the Public Advocate.
6. Recommendations of the SA Advance Directive Review – future directions.
7. Discuss the complexities and issues for families when a person loses decision making capacity.

Speakers

Margaret Brown is a Research Fellow with the Hawke Research Institute, University of South Australia and a consultant in advance care planning and bioethics. Her research over many years has focused on advance directives, advance care planning and decision making at the end of life. She is the Deputy Chair of the *End of Life Working Group* (SA Health), the *Advance Directive Review Committee* (SA Health) and involved with the *Respecting Patient Choices Project*. She is currently working with the Public Advocate on the *Supported Decision Making Project* and previously on the *Guardianship Board*.

Lin Gilfillan has been in private legal practice for some 25 years with a particular interest in civil litigation, advance directives and end of life decision making. Lin was appointed to the *Guardianship Board* in 1999. She was acting President from June 2007 to March 2008 and currently sits in the appeal division of the Guardianship Board, hearing appeals from detention under the Mental Health Act 2009. In 2010, Lin was invited to contribute as a member of the *SA Health, End of Life Decision Making Project*, which is ongoing.