



## Objectives: Medical Competency

1. In a patient with subtle signs of cognitive decline (e.g. family concerns, medication errors, repetitive questions, decline in personal hygiene),
  - a. Initiate assessment of mental competency, including use of a standardized tool
  - b. Refer for further assessment when necessary
2. In a patient with a diagnosis that may predict cognitive impairment (e.g. dementia, recent stroke, mental illness), identify those who require more careful assessment of decision-making capabilities.
3. When a patient is making decisions (e.g. surgery/no surgery, resuscitation status), think about the need to assess their mental competency.
4. In a patient with cognitive impairment, identify intact decision-making abilities, as many may be retained.

\*\* Mapped to the CFPC's 105 priority topics: #66-Mental Competency