

Proposed Title of Plenary Presentation: “Developing Evidence Based Questions in Determining Capability for Long Term Care Decisions.”

Abstract: Individuals requiring long term care or nursing home care require a capability assessment (CA) conducted by a social worker or nurse in the province of Ontario, Canada. The CA requires a healthcare professional to collect the best available evidence to render the capability decision. Given the gravity of this decision to clients, it is important to be basing it on accurate information. The decision must address both the client’s insights and judgment. As well, for legal and possible appeal purposes, the assessment must also ensure accurate documentation of the capability process. The author will present a proposed assessment form that facilitates both a better practice process and the collection of accurate practice evidence.