

Decision-Making Capacity Evaluations

When an older adult is experiencing illness, cognitive changes, or functional decline, families and professional advisors are often faced with difficult questions: Is this individual able to make informed, safe decisions on their own?

Clear Guidance for Complex Decisions

Determining the answer can be complex—finding objective, trustworthy guidance isn't always clear.

A Balanced, Respectful Approach

Evaluating capacity is not about taking control away from an older adult. It is about identifying both strengths and vulnerabilities, so safety and autonomy can be appropriately balanced. The goal is to ensure the right level of support—no more, no less—while honoring dignity and independence.

Why a Professional Evaluation Matters

Ageing Wisdom provides thoughtful, comprehensive evaluations using established assessment tools to assess decision-making capacity related to:

- Medical decisions
- Financial decisions
- Living arrangements and care needs

We also bring added expertise in:

- Navigating resistance and family dynamics
- Conducting evaluations in the client's home environment

Meaningful Outcomes

Our evaluations help:

- Clarify complex situations
- Reduce conflict and uncertainty
- Support ethical, defensible decision-making
- Create a clear path forward for legal, financial, and care planning



When to Refer

Consider a referral when:

- A client's decision-making ability is unclear, inconsistent, or fluctuating
- Significant legal, financial, or care decisions are pending
- Family conflict or disagreement is slowing progress
- Undue influence is suspected
- Objective documentation is needed to support professional judgment
- Medical evaluations are delayed, unavailable, or insufficient

Results That Matter

Understanding decision-making capacity brings clarity, stability, and resolution to some of the most sensitive and impactful decisions affecting older adults. All with compassion and a shared commitment to the older adult's well-being.

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