

Capacity vs. Competence

Geriatric Interprofessional Training

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Competence and incompetence are legal terms, implying actions of a court of law.

Capacity is specific to the medical decision at hand, decision made by a physician

Capacity to Consent

Ability to **communicate**

Ability to **understand** the proposed treatment and alternative interventions

Ability to **appreciate the consequences** of accepting or declining the suggested treatment

Ability to **explain the rationale** for their choice