

QC40 Capacity Assessment Training and Advance Health Directives

Chris: Scenario five	
William:	So the next section is about appointing an attorney. So an attorney is someone who can make decisions on your behalf if you're unable to do this or you lack the capacity. In thinking about who should be your attorney, it's useful to consider someone who knows you well and someone who'll respect your views, wishes, and preferences. Who would you like to consider?
Chris:	My wife Rachel will be fine.
William:	OK. We'll continue with the rest of the form, but we'll need to get Rachel in to sign this section. When we do this, we'll have a chat to her about what it means to be your attorney and the responsibilities that come with this.
Chris:	Yeah, that's fine. She should be OK with that.
William:	OK. Is there anyone else that you'd like to appoint? You can have two people as your attorney.
Chris:	I could nominate my brother, Jake. I'll have to talk to him about it first, though.
William:	That's fine, Chris. Have a chat to him about it, and then we can update the form next time.
Chris:	OK, thanks.
William:	So the next section is about the limitations and the conditions on the decisions that your attorney can make. So this could be things like medication changes.
Chris:	No. Rachel and Jake can do everything.
William:	OK. As we have more than one attorney, Rachel and Jake, how would you like them to make decisions? Would you like them to speak with each other first and make the decision jointly? Or would you prefer that either person can make a decision on your behalf?
Chris:	Either person can make a decision, but Rachel does know me best, so she should have the last say in the decision that's being made.
William:	OK. So it sounds like if Rachel is unavailable and an urgent decision needs to be made, that Jake can make this decision. However, when Rachel is available, you're happy for her to override any of Jake's decisions.
Chris:	Yeah, that sounds good.
William:	OK. If possible, I'd like to have Rachel and Jake come in for your next appointment so that we can explain to them your advance health care directive and your health care preferences. Can we put that down for next time?
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