

Subject – ICU	Level 1 skills / knowledge	Expected behaviour for case study
<p>Case study</p> <p>Carmel is a 52-year-old female who is in ICU following a ruptured brain aneurysm. Carmel is unconscious and her prognosis is poor. Carmel is divorced with 3 children ranging from 18 - 25 years old. Carmel is in a new relationship (4 months) with her partner Geoff who has recently moved into Carmel's house. Carmel is not able to speak for herself, there is a possibility of organ donation, and so intubation may be required.</p>		
Communication with the person / Family / Carers	Can explain advance care planning and provide general information	Healthcare professional (HCP) recognises the priority is to establish who is the appointed SDM or if there is not one appointed who would be the decision-maker according to the state/territory guidelines.
	Recognises triggers and risk factors where advance care planning may assist and can refer to others	HCP identifies the trigger to discuss advance care plans is Carmel's inability to speak for herself, the potential for organ donation, the poor prognosis. Aware that establishing the SDM is important.
	Has reflected on personal values and preferences and can differentiate between clinician and consumer agenda	HCP considers own preferences for organ donation. HCP can consider Carmel's situation and is aware that she may have different preferences for organ donation and seeks to clarify if these were stated.
Communication with the team	Recognises that the team involves health professionals across all settings and all have a role in advance care planning discussions	HCP considers the local doctor as a source of information to identify if any advance care plans had been discussed. HCP clarifies contact details for GP
	Able to recognise and discuss when treatment interventions may not match stated preferences for care	As Carmel is not able to speak for herself HCP looks for any documentation indicating Carmel's preferences for care including any documentation regarding organ donation.
	Aware of and utilises appropriate methods for documentation of discussion	HCP is aware of how to check medical records to establish if there is anything in Carmel's medical history to indicate appointment of an SDM and / or preferences for care.
Communication over time	Identifies what the person wants to achieve from the advance care planning discussion	As Carmel is not able to discuss her preferences for care, HCP to identify SDM and establish any documentation of preferences. Focus is to establish what Carmel would have wanted.
	Recognises triggers to review	HCP recognises trigger to review any

	ACP	documentation would be if Carmel recovers enough to be able to speak for herself.
	Able to recognise deterioration and loss of capacity and discuss same with team.	HCP able to recognise that if Carmel's condition deteriorates – the potential for organ donation would require interventions that need further discussion with the SDM
Ethical	Recognises there may be differing perspectives between the goals of the person, the SDM and the health care team	Identifies the potential for differing perspectives regarding organ donation and therefore the need to establish any advance care planning documents.
	Informs the team of the existence of advance care directives	HCP advises the healthcare team if they can find any advance care planning documentation in Carmel's records
	Able to explain to the person that they are eligible to guide the medical team regarding interventions	HCP is aware of the importance of an SDM as Carmel is not able to speak for herself
Legal	Able to assess the person's ability to participate in discussion and follow direction	Carmel is currently not able to communicate
	Aware of relevant documents and requirements for workplace	HCP able to document that Carmel is not able to communicate.
	Able to put in the medical record system an alert that there is an advance care directive	The HCP is able to check for alerts in the medical record regarding advance care planning information

Points of assessment / discussion	Review of requirements of SDM - do they have to have an ongoing relationship? Considers the potential for differing perspectives. Reviews validity of documents considering changed context.
Method of assessment	MCQ regarding role of SDM, validity of documents. Reflects on need for review of ACD regularly.