

## Two basic ideas

- a. Substituted judgement
- b. Best interest for patient

## Issues:

- o Bias. Personal interests may interfere with the ability to make the decision that the patient may have wanted.
- o Unclear what the person may have wanted.
- o Guilt
- o Competing interests
- o Not understanding the medical situation

## Benefits

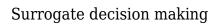
- o Patient Autonomy
- o Lessens burden on decision maker

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Alzheimer's association - support groups and resources.

Work through this concept ahead of time.

Understand what you are supposed to do as the POA.





Hospice and ombudsmen can help families with these decisions.