



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
- o

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.