

Who will be asked to make health-care decisions for you?*

In British Columbia, you have the right to give or refuse consent to medical treatment. Your health-care provider will follow the steps below to determine who will make the decision.



Are you capable of giving informed consent independently, or with support from the people you trust?**

If you are capable, your health-care provider must directly ask **YOU** for consent.

If you are **incapable** of giving informed consent, your health-care provider will first ask your...

Committee

A person or body appointed by the B.C. Supreme Court to make personal, medical, legal, or financial decisions for you, if you become incapable of making these decisions on your own.



Representative

If you **don't** have a **Committee**



A person appointed by you, in a Representation Agreement, to make health-care and personal-care decisions for you if you cannot make these decisions on your own. If you also have an Advance Directive, your Representative will be asked to make the decision, but they must consider the instructions in your Advance Directive.

If you **don't** have a **Representative** or if your **Representative** is unable to make the decision

Advance Directive

This is not a person but is a legal document that includes instructions from you to your health-care providers about specific health-care treatments that you accept or refuse. Your Advance Directive must be clear and relevant to the situation to be used.



Temporary Substitute Decision Maker

If you **don't** have a **Representative** or an **Advance Directive** that applies to the decision being made



A person identified by your health-care provider from a list defined by law as the first person to qualify as your temporary decision maker for health care.

*This information does not apply to a person who is receiving care and treatment at a designated facility under the [Mental Health Act](#).

**You have the right to receive support in your decision making to help you understand the information and communicate your wishes. Needing support does not mean that you are incapable.

For more information, visit: bc-cpc.ca/acp.