



## Decision-Making Capacity (DMC)

is a person's ability to understand information that is relevant to making a personal decision (health, legal, accommodation, social activities, choice of associates, education, employment, financial and estate), and to appreciate the reasonably foreseeable consequences of the decision. All adults are presumed capable until demonstrated otherwise.



### The Decision-Making Capacity Assessment (DMCA) Model Toolkit

is a four-part practical, evidence-informed resource that aims to offer information and resources related to DMCA best-practices and capacity-building processes, and implementation of the DMCA Model.



Part 1 The DMCA Model

Part 2 DMCA Model Implementation Framework

Part 3 Resources for Healthcare Providers

Part 4 Resources for Family Caregivers

### Benefits of DMCA Model



Preserves autonomy



Ensures a client-centered approach



↓ confusion, ambiguity & conflict



Promotes inter-professional teamwork & problem solving



Minimizes legal risk



Supports least intrusive & restrictive options

For a copy of the DMCA Model Toolkit visit: [www.seniorsnetworkcovenant.ca](http://www.seniorsnetworkcovenant.ca)