

ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND (MEDICAL PROBLEM)

1. What problem are you having right now?
2. Why are you in the hospital?

ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND PROPOSED TREATMENT

1. What is the treatment for your (problem)
2. What can we do to help you?

ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE ALTERNATIVES TO PROPOSED TREATMENT (IF ANY)

1. Are there any other treatments?
2. What other options do you have?

ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE OPTION OF REFUSING TREATMENT (INCLUDING WITHDRAWING TREATMENT)

1. Can you refuse (the treatment)
2. Could we stop (the treatment)

ABILITY TO APPRECIATE THE REASONABLY FORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTING TREATMENT

1. What would happen to you if you had the treatment
2. How could the treatment help you?
3. Could the treatment cause problems?

ABILITY TO APPRECIATE THE REASONABLY FORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES OF REFUSING PROPOSED TREATMENT

1. What would happen if you don't have this treatment
2. Could you get sicker/die without it?

ABILITY TO MAKE A DECISION THAT IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY BASED ON HALLUCINATIONS, DELUSIONS, COGNITIVE DECLINE OR SEVERE DEPRESSION

1. Do you think we are trying to harm/hurt you?
2. Do you deserve to be treated?
3. Do you feel that you are being punished?
4. Do you feel that you are a bad person?

CAPACITY EVALUATION