

Interclerkship Intensive 1 (MAKE UP Assignment)

Cognitive Issues in the Health Care Setting: Capacity, Ethics, Delirium & Dementia

Subject: **Capacity / Ethics Workshop**

Faculty: Dr. Allen Keller

Due Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Assignment:

1. Review materials on ALEX - <http://alex.med.nyu.edu/portal/>

The objectives of this workshop were to:

(Objectives related to capacity assessment):

1. Practice and gain proficiency in assessing decision making capacity through role-play

(Objectives related to Ethical Issues):

1. Discuss ethical issues encountered during your clinical rotation
2. Understand and apply a stepwise approach to clinical ethics problem solving
3. Be aware of available resources for helping to address clinical ethical issues encountered

Please complete the ethics assignment under Alex (attached). In addition, please answer the following questions on a separate page. If these questions do not seem relevant to the case you wrote about for the ethics assignment, you may briefly describe a different patient that you encountered during medical school to answer these questions:

1. What medical decisions did the patient or patients' family you wrote about in the assignment above need to make?
2. Which decisions did the patient you wrote about have the *capacity* to make? Were there any decisions that this patient did not have the capacity to make? Why? You may want utilize the criteria in table 1 of the Appelbaum article (see readings for informed consent demonstration) to support your argument.
3. In your opinion, did the healthcare team adequately assess the patient's capacity and obtain informed consent? Why or why not? Was there anything they could have improved upon with regards to these skills?

Please email the assignment to both Bert Ongkeo (Bert.onkeo@nyumc.org) and Allen Keller (allen.keller@nyumc.org) by Wednesday, April 3rd. Please write "Capacity/ethics workshop make up assignment" in the title of the email.