

Testamentary capacity: Medico-legal risks in clinical practice

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Testamentary capacity is essential for a Will to be considered valid. Whether approached before a Will is signed or retrospectively after death when a Will is disputed, these assessments require clinicians to have a clear understanding of the scope and limits of what is being requested.

In this webinar, our panel will explore the common medico-legal pitfalls practitioners may encounter when dealing with testamentary capacity assessments and provide practical guidance to help you respond with confidence.

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Learning outcomes

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

- Critically examine the legal and regulatory frameworks governing testamentary capacity assessment and medico-legal opinion writing.
- Describe a structured risk-management framework to approach testamentary capacity requests (current vs retrospective), including appropriate referral/declining decisions and evidence-informed documentation.
- Plan practical risk mitigation strategies to minimise medico-legal risk.

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