

Informed Consent and Decision Making Capacity, Unit 2 Exam Study Sheet

This study sheet reflects the material I expect you to reflect on your unit exam, if it is relevant to your essay. You may fill it out if you like. There will be a few minutes for discussing these questions in our review session.

Kilbride, "The New Age of Patient Autonomy: Implications for the Patient-Physician Relationship."

1. What is autonomy?
2. What is paternalism?
3. According to Kilbride, in the age of patient autonomy, what was the division of labor between physicians and patients in medical decision making? What did doctors bring to medical decisions? What did patients bring?
4. How has the physician-patient relationship recently changed, according to Kilbride?

Decision Making Capacity

5. Why is decision making capacity morally important in health care?
6. What are the four conditions for DMC? How can they be tested?
7. What are two important aspects of the "Appreciate" condition for DMC?
8. What kinds of persons are most likely to fail the "Appreciate" condition?

Aylsworth, Tim, and Jake Greenblum. 2025. "Decision-Making Capacity and Authenticity."

9. Do Aylsworth and Greenblum believe that DMC is necessary and sufficient for refusing life sustaining treatment (LST)?
10. What kind of authenticity do they believe is required for DMC? What does this kind of authenticity involve?
11. What is the difference between weak authenticity and self-determination?

Callies, Daniel Edward. 2024. Balancing a Patient's Autonomy Against Misinformation.

12. Must patients accept the doctor's view of the "facts" to have DMC? Why or why not?
13. What is an example of a gray-area case?
14. What are two major reasons for recognizing DMC in gray-area cases, where patients reject significant facts?
15. What are 2-3 major reasons for denying DMC in gray-area cases, where patients reject significant facts?