

Mental Capacity Masterclass: Clinical Assessment and Legal Standards

Jointly organized by the Hong Kong Psychogeriatric Association and Capacity Australia.

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DATE 27th November 2026 (Friday)

TIME 0900 - 1700

VENUE Thorton & Huthart Room, 3/F South Tower, The Salisbury YMCA of Hong Kong, 41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, e.g. psychiatrists, geriatricians, family physicians

LEGAL PROFESSIONALS, e.g. solicitors and barristers who have clients with mental capacity issues

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, e.g. psychologists, occupational therapists, social workers

Programme Rundown *(*CME/CPD from various societies pending*)*

TOPIC		SPEAKER
09:00 – 09:45	An overview of clinical assessment of capacity	Prof. Carmelle PEISAH
09:45 – 10:30	Mental capacity for execution of legal documents: Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Advance Medical Directives	Ms. Hazel WONG
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee break	
10:50 – 11:35	Medico-legal report writing and handling court challenges: pitfalls and professionalism	Prof. Carmelle PEISAH
11:35 – 12:20	Expert panel Discussion: Capacity on Trial	Dr. Kelvin LEUNG
12:20 – 13:35	Lunch	
13:35 – 14:20	Uncommon cases: what we can learn from them	Ms. Alexandra LO
14:20 – 15:05	Mental Capacity in the Local Scene: Interesting Case Illustrations	Dr. H. K. CHEUNG
15:05 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 16:15	Mental Capacity Assessment in Practice: global paradigms, medicolegal trends and clinical realities	Dr. T. Y. Connie YAN
16:15 – 17:00	Discussion and Conclusion	All speakers

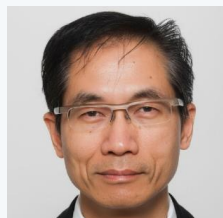
Programme includes complimentary meals: Coffee break • Lunch • Coffee break

Speaker Profiles



Professor Carmelle PEISAH Psychiatrist, Capacity Australia

Professor Carmelle Pesiah is a medical practitioner and specialist old age psychiatrist, consultation-liaison psychiatrist, family systems therapist and human rights psychiatrist. She is an Adjunct Professor and Ageing Futures Institute Investigator at the University of New South Wales, Clinical Professor at the University of Sydney and Special Instructor at Chang Mai University Thailand. She is the Founder-President of human rights charity Capacity Australia. She served for a decade as a Professional Member of the Former NSW Guardianship Tribunal (Now Guardianship Division, NSW Civil Administration Tribunal). She is widely published in the areas of doctor's health and medical culture, aged care, capacity and human rights.



Dr H. K. CHEUNG Psychiatrist, Private practice

Dr H.K. Cheung is a prominent Hong Kong psychiatrist specializing in general adult and forensic psychiatry. He served as a Consultant Psychiatrist and former Chief Executive of Castle Peak Hospital. He contributed to the Child Fatality Review of the HKSAR and served as an Honorary Psychological Consultant for the Hong Kong Red Cross. He authored over 60 professional publications in psychopharmacology, forensic psychiatry, autism, psychogeriatrics, and community psychiatry.



Ms. Alexandra LO, JP Solicitor, Chairperson of Guardianship Board

Ms. Alexandra Lo, JP, is the Chairperson of the Guardianship Board. She obtained her law degree at the Hong Kong University and has worked as a solicitor in various fields. Before becoming the Chairperson, she was a member of the Guardianship Board and also of the Elderly Commission, the Law Reform Commission and a few other Government advisory bodies. She taught university courses in law and ethics and had served in health-related committees such as the CUHK-NTEC Clinical Research Ethics Committee and the HA Clinical Ethics Committee for many years. Ms. LO is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Ms. Hazel WONG Solicitor, MIP Care Resources Connect

Ms. Hazel Wong has extensive experience in vulnerable client matters including advising Court appointed committees, making applications under Part II of the Mental Health Ordinance, managing financial affairs of mentally incapacitated persons ("MIP") in Hong Kong and overseas and advising financial institutions on related issues. She also handles wealth and succession planning matters, contentious probate, family and trust matters and advises on charities and philanthropy work



Dr Kelvin LEUNG Psychiatrist, Capacity Australia

Dr Kelvin Leung is a consultant psychiatrist and Board Director of Capacity Australia. He works across clinical and academic psychiatry, with interests in medical culture, doctors' wellbeing, professional capacity, and the systems and workplace factors that shape clinical practice. He is currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Sydney examining medical workplace culture and how it can be better understood, measured and improved. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and a Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, UK.



Dr. Tin Yee Connie YAN Psychiatrist, Mercy Mental Health

Dr. Connie Yan is a consultant psychiatrist specializing in older adult psychiatry and dementia care, with a special interest in mental capacity work. Holding fellowships in both Hong Kong and Australia, she worked as a clinical leader in psychogeriatric services in Hong Kong before relocating to Australia. She currently works at a public hospital in Melbourne, and is geared towards caring for individuals with Young-Onset Dementia (YOD) and older adults in inpatient and consultation-liaison settings. She has co-authored publications on cognitive assessment, FTD and PPA. As a YOD-Asia-Pacific Collaborative member, she contributes to the YOD Models of Care Project with her dual-region perspective and comparative insights.