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Mental Capacity Masterclass 2026: Clinical Assessment and Legal Standards

A professional seminar on mental capacity assessment for old age adults, from the perspectives of healthcare professionals and legal professionals, hosted by the Hong Kong Psychogeriatric Association and Capacity Australia. Join us for an in-depth one-day academic program.



SEMINAR DETAILS

Date: 27th November 2026 (Friday)

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Venue: Thronton Room & Huthart Room
3/F South Tower,
The Salisbury YMCA Hong Kong,
41 Salisbury Road,
Tsim Sha Tsui

Target: Medical professionals
Legal professionals
Nursing and allied health professionals

MEDICAL PERSPECTIVES
Prof. Carmelle Peisah
Dr. Cheung Hung Kin
Dr. Kelvin Leung
Dr. Connie Yan

LEGAL PERSPECTIVES
Ms. Alexandra Lo, JP
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DATE 27th November 2026 (Friday) **TIME** 09:00-17:00 (08:30 open for registration)

VENUE Thornton & 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

NURSING and ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, e.g., nurses, psychologists, occupational therapists, social workers, all clinicians

Programme Rundown *(CNE 6 points, *CME/CPD from colleges/ societies pending*, link to accreditation outcome here)*

	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 (complimentary)	
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 (moderator)**
12:20 – 13:35	Lunch (complimentary)	
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 (complimentary)	
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**

Early bird (by Nov 1) HKPGA/HKCMHN members $2000, non-HKPGA/HKCMHN members $2500
Standard (from Nov 2) HKPGA/HKCMHN members $2500, non-HKPGA/HKCMHN members $3000

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 Medical Superintendent of Castle Peak Hospital. He was the Forensic Psychiatrist in charge of Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre. He was the first Psychiatrist in Hong Kong who was awarded the Outstanding Staff Prize by the Hospital Authority here. He authored over 70 professional publications in psychopharmacology, forensic psychiatry, autism, psychogeriatrics, and community psychiatry.



Ms. Alexandra LO, JP Chairperson of Guardianship Board

Ms. Alexandra LO, JP, is the Chairperson of the Guardianship Board. Before becoming the Chairperson, she has worked as a solicitor in various fields and was a member of the Guardianship Board and the Elderly Commission, etc. She had also served on executive committees of charities. 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.