

Advance Care Planning – How Lawyers Can Help their Clients: A Continuing Education Event

Lawyers provide a suite of services around clients’ advance planning, including preparing wills and appointing financial and health care decision-makers. Routinely, clients want advice about planning for future health care for the event they become unable to make and/or communicate decisions, also known as **Advance Care Planning**¹ (ACP). The legal and medical communities’ understanding of the **benefits** of and best practices in ACP has evolved since the Personal Directives Act came into effect.

Do you have the tools you need to provide effective and comprehensive services for your clients’ ACP?



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¹ **Advance Care Planning** (ACP) is a process of reflection on and communication of a person’s future healthcare preferences. ACP encourages dialogue between a patient, his/her family, and the health care team that can guide medical decision making even when a person becomes incapable of consenting to or refusing health care. It includes choosing and documenting a substitute decision maker and preferences for healthcare in a Personal Directive and Goals of Care Designation for use in the event that a person loses capacity.

Our panelists will share their experience and insights from practice and research to identify the challenges of doing effective Advance Care Planning and propose solutions and resources to help lawyers help their clients in this important area.

If your practice involves advance planning, please join us:

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Noon – 1pm

In-person attendance* at the Red Deer Lodge

4311 – 49 Avenue, Red Deer

Remote attendance by AdobeConnect and teleconference line

***Space is limited and will be allocated in order of registration.**

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For Alberta lawyers, consider including this course as a CPD learning activity in your mandatory annual Continuing Professional Development Plan as required by the Law Society of Alberta.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- describe the components of and barriers and enablers to effective ACP;
- select strategies and resources to use in their own practice to engage clients in ACP and improve the effectiveness of their clients' planning activities; and
- contribute to inter-professional initiatives to improve ACP in legal and healthcare settings in Alberta.

Sponsored by Campus Alberta and ACP CRIO:

ACP CRIO is an Alberta Innovates Health Solutions (AIHS)-funded team of researchers and stakeholders working together and studying how to optimally implement widespread uptake of a formalized ACP framework, across a large population and throughout a complex, multi-sector healthcare system. Please visit our website, www.acpcrrio.org, for more information.

Over the past year, ACP CRIO has built a “medical legal collaboration” comprised of the CBA (Alberta Branch), Law Society of Alberta, LESA and lawyers (from private practice, representing Alberta Health Services, the Office of the Public Trustee and Guardian and Calgary Legal Assistance), physicians with expertise in end-of-life care, ethicists, members of the public, a social worker and researchers. This group has met to discuss lawyers’ roles, needs, barriers and resources regarding ACP.