

**“Yes”?**  
**Examining Capacity &**  
**Consent**  
**in Healthcare**



**Dr. Catherine Gee, Regional Ethicist**



We are privileged to provide care on lands that Indigenous peoples have called home for thousands of years.



# Webinar Housekeeping

- Everyone will be muted except the host, moderator, and panelists
- Ask questions through the Teams chat box
- All webinars will be recorded and posted on the internal PEaCE Hub page and on the Regional Ethics Network website
- Please take a moment to scan the QR code to complete the evaluation
- Next month's speaker

## HHS Ethics Rounds & Community Education Sessions





# Objective

Explore the nuances of capacity and consent in making healthcare decisions.

# What Does Capacity Mean in Healthcare?

1. **Understanding** the information relevant to the decision
2. **Appreciation** of the consequences of the decision



# What Types of Healthcare Decisions Require Capacity?



**TREATMENT**



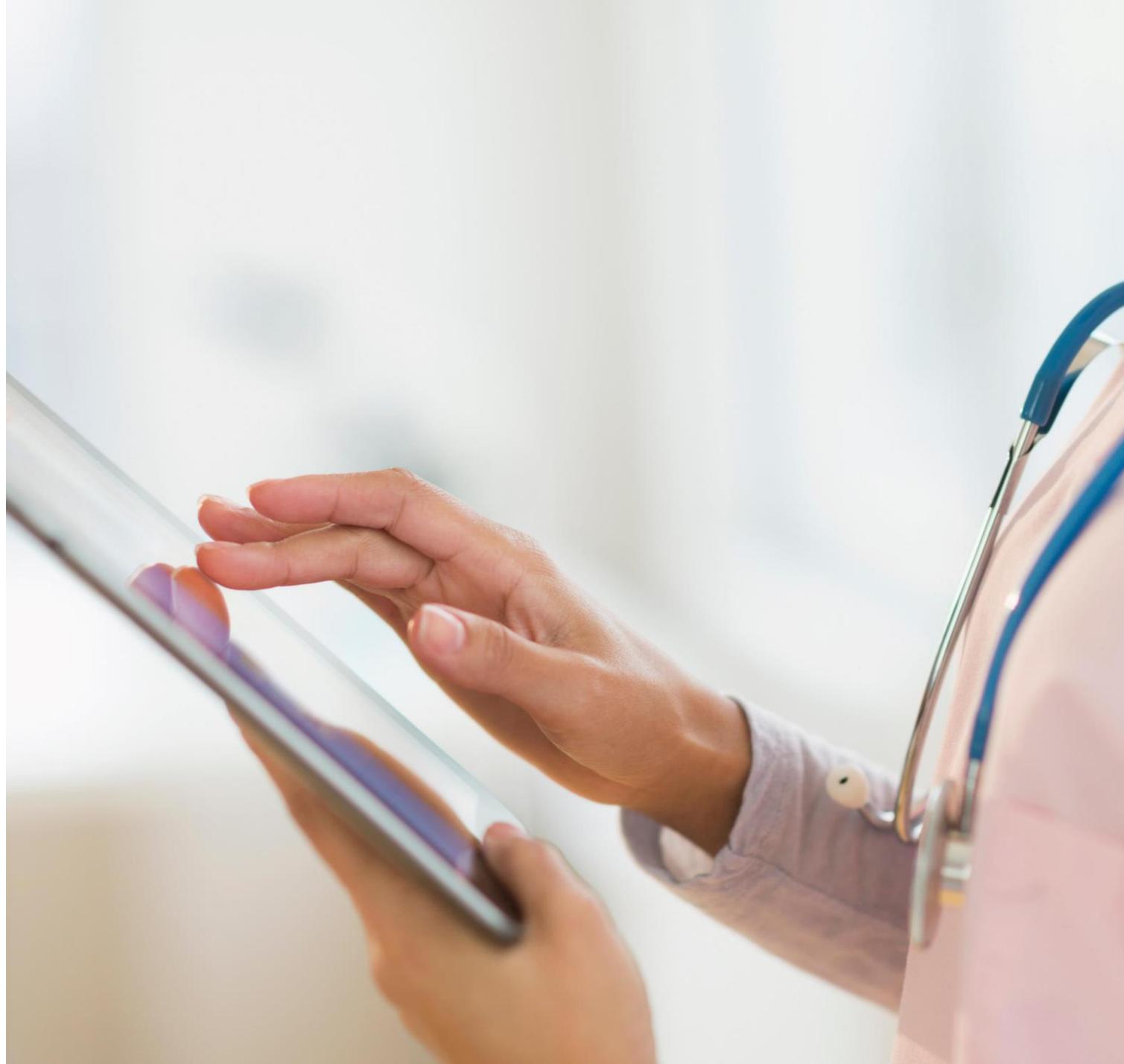
**ADMISSION TO  
LONG TERM CARE**



**PERSONAL ASSISTANCE  
SERVICES**

# Capacity 101

- ✓ Must be presumed
- ✓ Does not have a minimum age requirement in Ontario
- ✓ Is decision & time specific



# Who Makes A Capacity Assessment?



## **TREATMENT:**

Healthcare provider  
proposing the treatment



## **ADMISSION TO**

## **LONG TERM CARE:**

Ontario Health at Home  
assessor

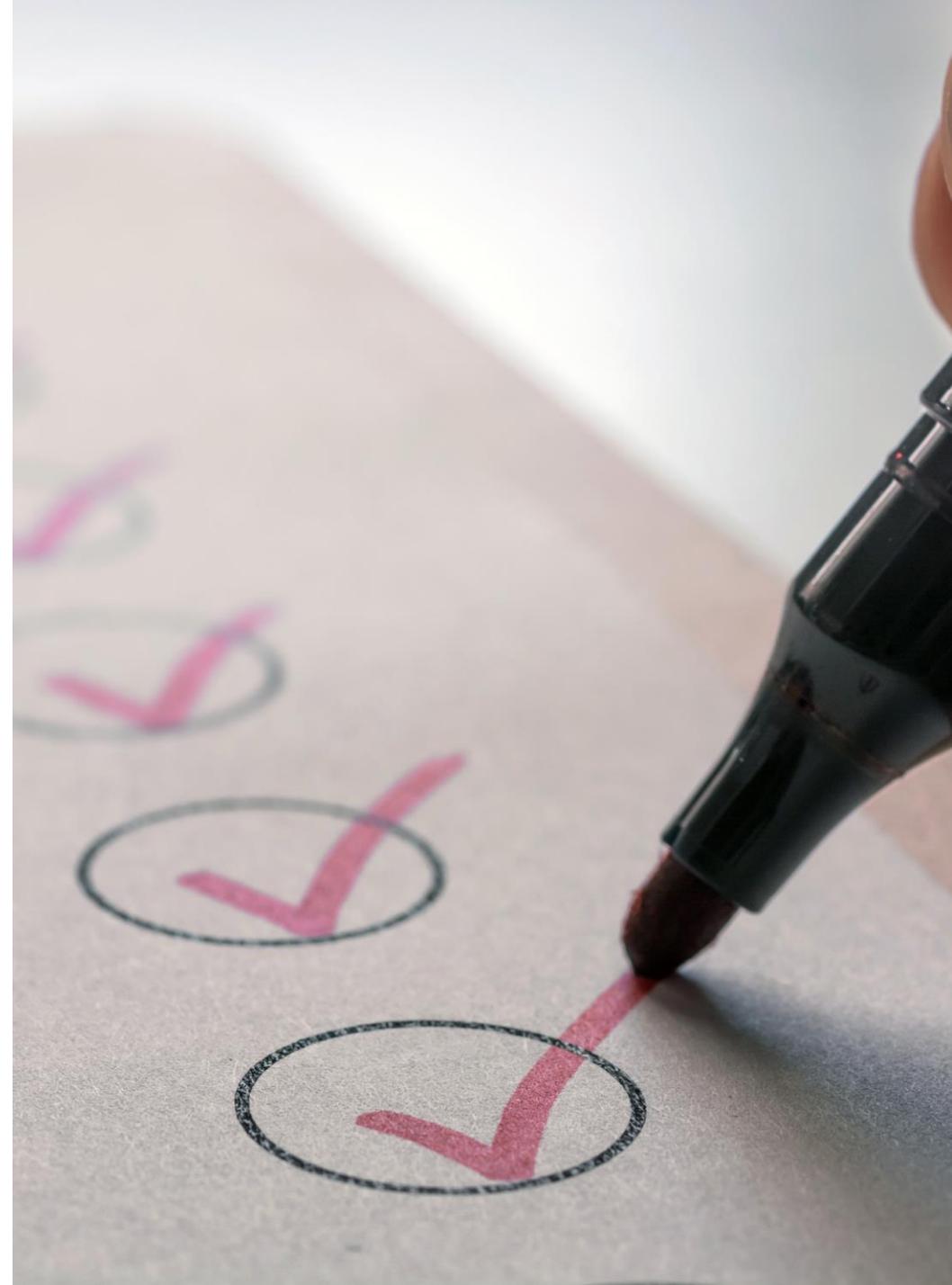


## **PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES:**

Ontario Health at Home  
assessor

# Consent

- ✓ Only when the conditions for capacity are met can true consent can be given in healthcare
- ✓ This is when a yes is a true yes!





Questions?