

MANAGING COMPLEX DEMENTIA AND MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

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Disclaimer

- This presentation contains information for educational purposes and not medical or legal advice
- If you need advice for a particular situation, please consult your own medical or legal professionals

Overview

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- Introductions
- Learning objectives:
 1. Understand common issues that arise regarding consent and capacity
 2. Understand the roles of different professionals in complex cases
 3. Consider the impact of family conflict in managing complex cases
- Detailed Case Study
- Discussion/Review of Case Study

Case Study

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Maria and Tony

From a Geriatric Psychiatrist's Perspective

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- Importance of “prevention” – who might have noticed something sooner; what could they have done?
- Working through complex situations like this takes time and a “virtual team”
- Who does Maria trust?
- Who is available in your area to help?

Options & Resources

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- Form 1 not a solution in many cases
- Form G application to CCB – is this feasible?
- Seniors Helpline (Crisis, Home & Community, Community Support Agencies)
- Behavioural Supports (Geriatric Psychiatry, other services)



(416) 217-2077



Behavioural Supports Ontario

416-785-2500 X 2005

From a Lawyer's Perspective

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- Who is the client or prospective client?
- What is the client hoping to accomplish?
- What are client confidentiality and privacy considerations in this case?
- Are there mental capacity concerns? If yes, how does that impact the lawyer's approach?
- How can a lawyer collaborate with other professionals to assist the client?

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The OPGT Investigations Unit

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How does this service work?

People concerned about an adult who may be mentally incapable and suffering or at risk of serious harm (self neglect, physical abuse, financial exploitation) can contact the OPGT.

It is important to note that **this is not an immediate, emergency crisis response service**. The OPGT has no authority to make decisions for the person during an investigation or while the matter is before the courts.

The investigation may result in the court appointing the OPGT as the incapable person's guardian (of the person or property) on a temporary basis. This allows the office to make important decisions on the person's behalf.

How to Contact the OPGT Investigations Unit

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Telephone: 416-327-6348

Toll-Free: 1-800-366-0335

Fax: 416-314-5301

Address:

Guardianship Investigations Unit
The Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee
595 Bay Street, Suite 800
Toronto, ON
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E-mail: jus.g.fjs.pgt.guardianshipinvestigation@ontario.ca

From a Police Perspective

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- When to request a police wellness check and what can come of one.
- What to expect when you call police - 911/non-emergency number.
- What do the police do if someone (i.e. a neighbour) requests a wellness check for a senior and another member of the household (in this case, Tony) refuses to grant access inside?

Role of the Police

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What role could the police play in assisting Maria?

- **Enforcement of Laws** - possible criminal charges against Tony
- **Connectors to Services:**

Community Resource Officers/Crime Prevention Officers

MCIT (Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams)

FOCUS (situation tables)

Vulnerable Persons Coordinator

Emergency: CALL 9-1-1 Non-emergency: (416) 808-2222

Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477(TIPS)

THANK YOU!

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