

Essentials of  
Law and Ethics  
in  
Eldercare

**Decision-making**

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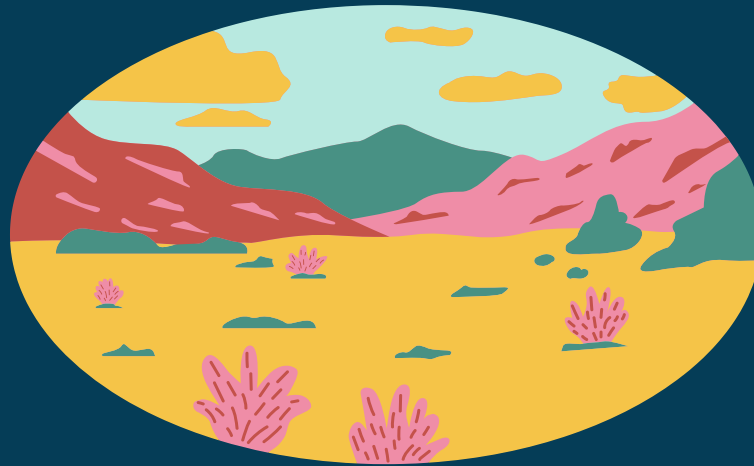
**Consent**



# Goals

- 1. Understand why we should check if our residents have capacity.**
- 2. Question whether a resident can legally give informed consent.**

# Healthcare Ethics



**Start with knowing who YOU are and what  
YOU value.**

# Values

Safety

Alleviate Suffering

Self-reliance

Respect

Modesty

Altruism

Personal Growth

Dependability

Well-being

Trust

Appreciation

Peace

Compassion

Integrity

Generosity

Sustainability

Courage

Empower Others

Humility

Loyalty

Equanimity

Responsibility

Gratitude

Strength



In American culture, *AUTONOMY* is the ethical principle that is valued most highly.



It is equated with liberty and freedom.

***PATERNALISM* competes with autonomy.**



**It is when someone in a position of authority acts in a person's best interest but without their consent.**



**In Asian cultures, individual autonomy is not valued the same way.**



**Decisions are made within the context of the family.**