Essentials of Law and Ethics in Elder care

Decision-making & 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.
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.