

# Relevant person – a recalibration for the centrality of rights or just more semantics?

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# Question:

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- ❓ How does it work when a patient has plenty to say but isn't the final legal decision maker?
  - ❓ How can that have meaning?
- ❓ How can I live in a world with such uncertainty?
- ❓ How do the patients deal with this?

# What relevant person means to me



Parental Responsibility: All the rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his property

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*“An unmarried father will automatically be a guardian if he has lived with the child's mother for 12 consecutive months after 18 January 2016, including at least 3 months with the mother and child following the child's birth.”*

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# Centrality of the voice of the person



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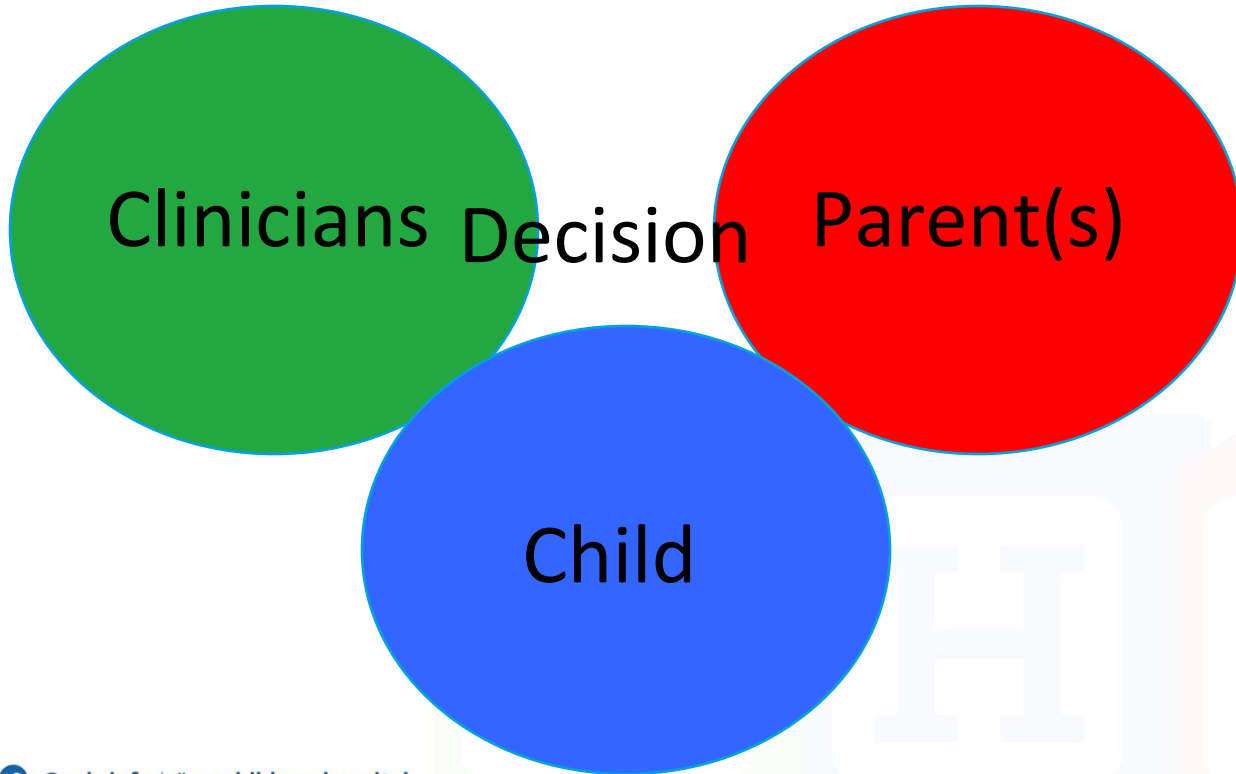
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# Decision making

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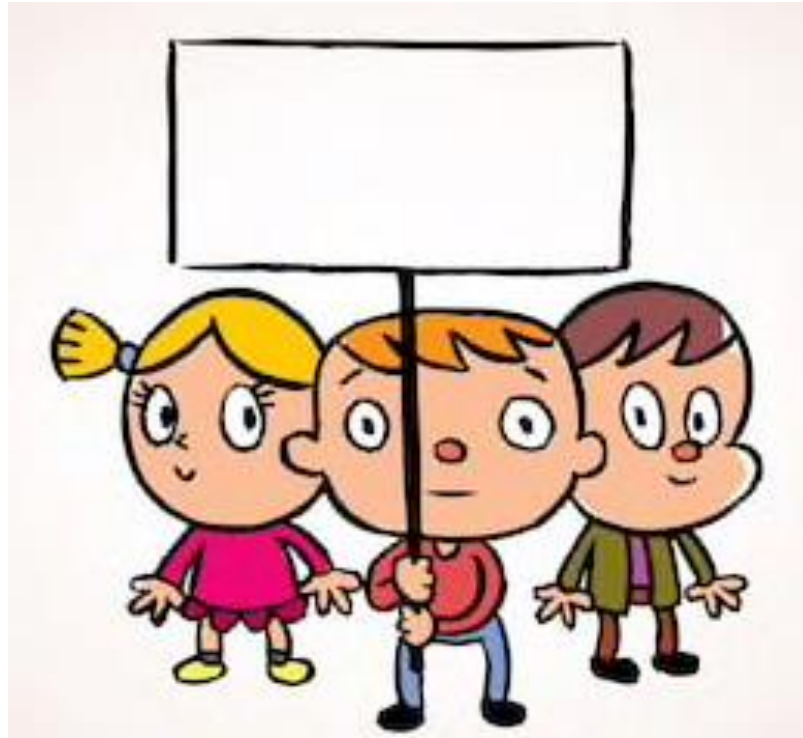


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# Nothing about me without me



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# Role of relationships in supporting decision making



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# Cultural shift required to enable this



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# The facts

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- ❓ None of my patients exist in isolation, neither do yours
- ❓ Few of my patients have complete legal rights to consent *and* refuse treatment
- ❓ All of patients are fine with this
- ❓ For my patients, it has never been any other way...

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