Person-Centred Decision Making

Key Elements

1. Clarify who will be included and what their roles will be in the decision-making process. Ask about their beliefs and values.
2. Clearly identify and explain the problem that is the main focus for the decision.
3. Assess the person's preferred approach to receiving information to assist decision-making, including depth of information, health literacy.
4. Discuss the literature, clinical guidelines, and research surrounding the topics, or know where to find this information.
5. Check in with the person to ensure comprehension and ensure that any questions are answered.
6. Facilitate interpretation of options, benefits, and risks within their context and values. Discuss the environment and the feasibility of their preferred option.
7. Check in to identify personal needs for time to reflect or consider options. Allow for consultation with family or others, reviewing of resources, and additional queries that arise.
8. Make a clear decision or defer the decision explicitly. A follow-up plan should be set regardless of whether the decision was made or deferred.

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