Decision-Making Capacity Assessment Training for Physicians

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RESULTS

- Participants: Mean age of 47 ± 10 years; 64% females
- 66%: worked ≥ 6 years in their current setting
- 50%: previously attended DMCA presentations

Effect

- There was a significant improvement (p<0.001) in the post- compared to pre-workshop ratings for all the items.
- Those without prior DMCA training had the largest change in pre- versus post-workshop ratings (p<0.05).
- The post-workshop ratings were mostly Agrees and Strongly Agrees (Mean ratings: 3.08-3.63; Range: 1-4).

DISCUSSION

- The results indicate that the information provided in the workshops is valuable for physicians regardless of years worked in the current setting.
- The pattern of findings provides important feedback on modifications to delivering future workshops.
- The workshops will continue to be held in the same format with a greater focus on capacity interviewing.

CONCLUSION

- There is a need for DMCA training for physicians.
- The content and method of the workshop is effective.
- Next step: Establish what Family Physicians want to strengthen DMCA training; Customize the workshop for Family Physicians.