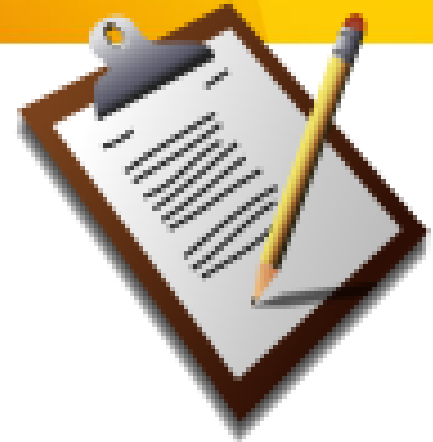




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Medical-Legal Collaboration: Lawyer's Role in Advance Care Planning

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Defining Advance Care Planning



“Advance Care Planning is a way to help you think about, talk about and document your wishes for health care. It is a process that can assist you in making healthcare decisions now and for the future.”

(myhealth.alberta.ca)

At time of death:
42.5% require decision-making
70.3% lack capacity

(Silveira et al. NEJM 2010; 362:1211)



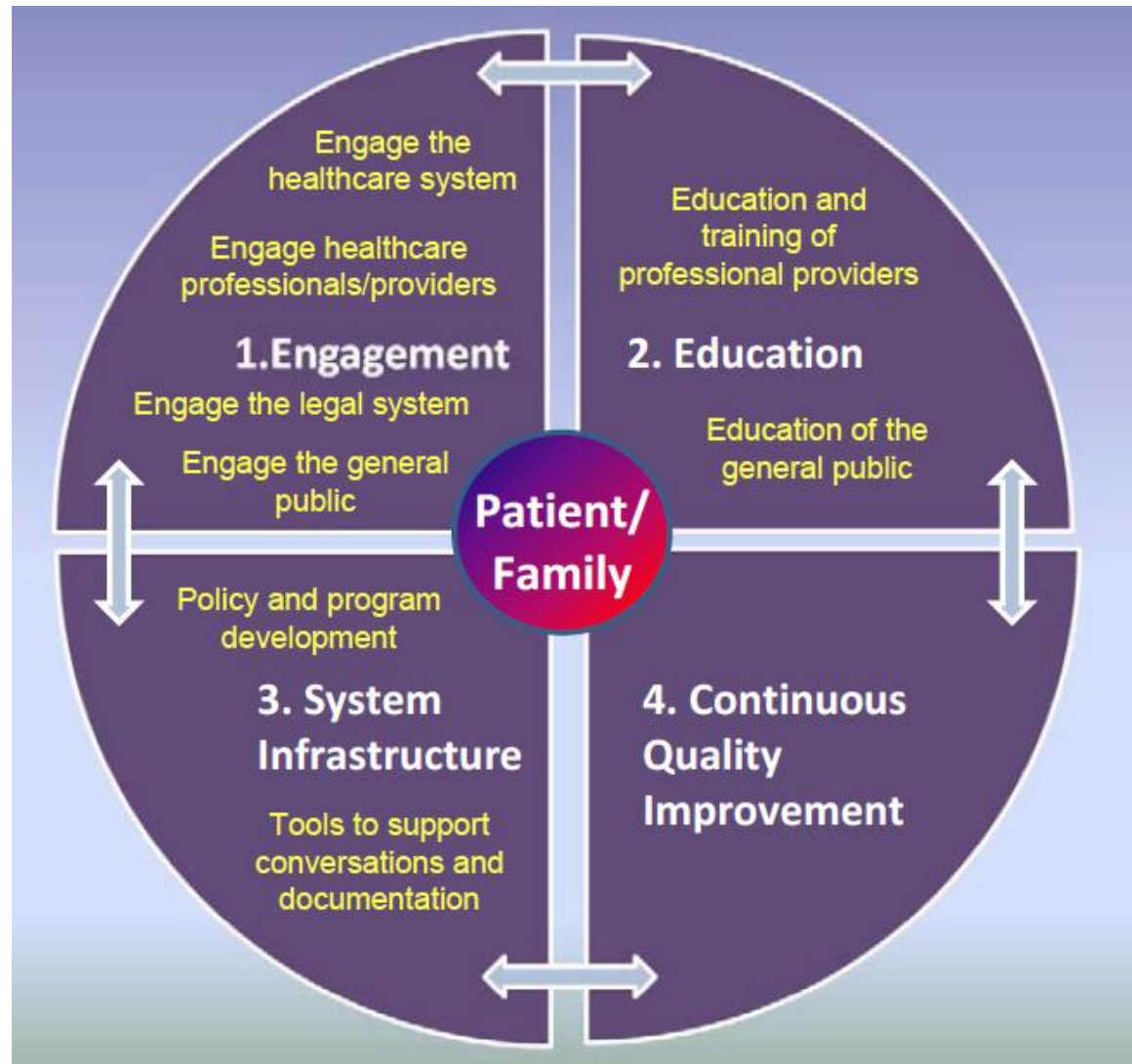
Sick, older patients as likely
to have spoken with a
lawyer
as with a family doctor
(30%)



Heyland et al , **Advance care planning evaluation in elderly patients** JAMA Int Med 2013 ; 173

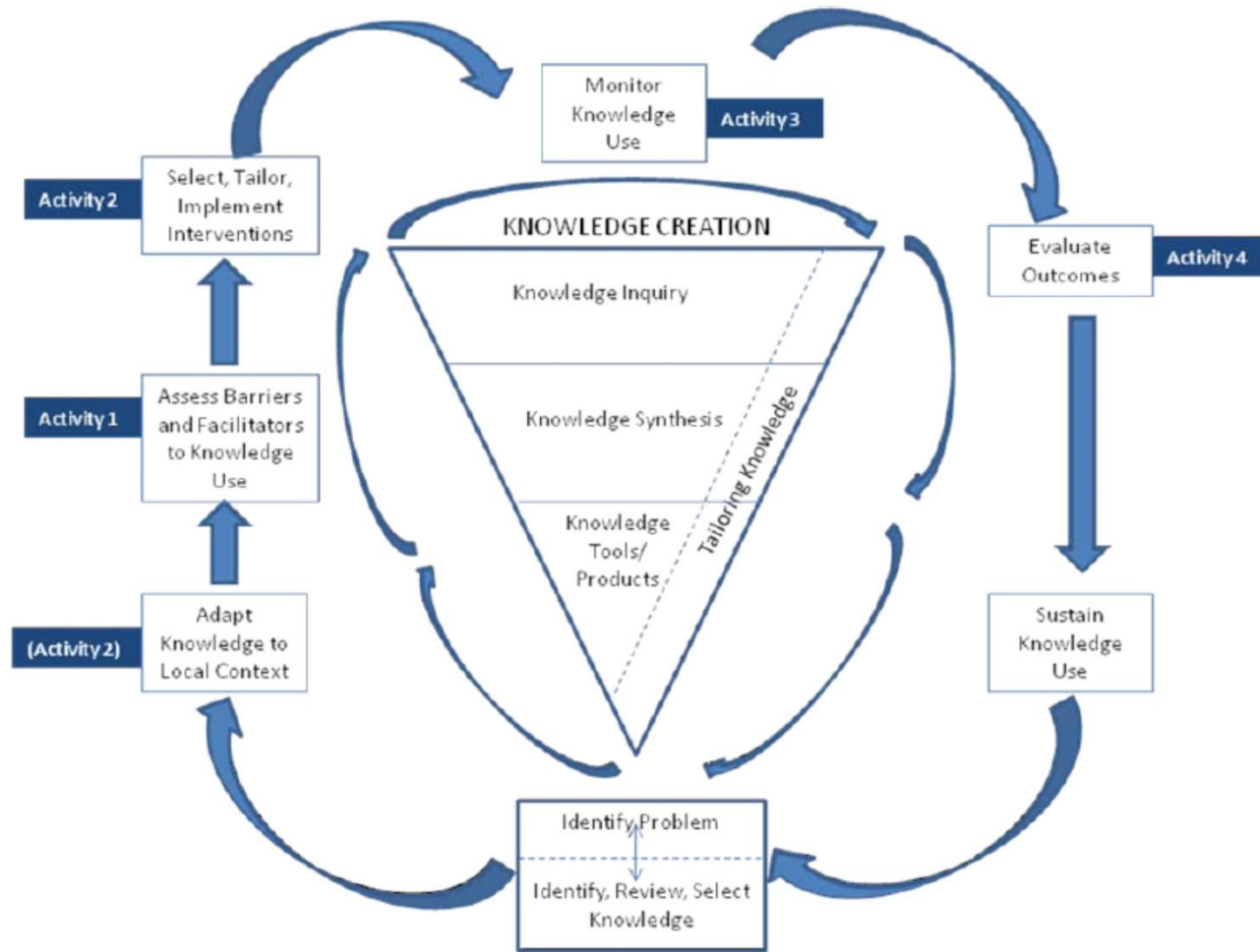
- Canadian study (Goodridge et al, 2013):
 - 827 respondents
 - 137 had a written ACP
 - **lawyers** were most often cited as source of assistance in preparing document: 47.4%
 - **physician**: 5% (“somewhat surprising, although not entirely unexpected”)
 - solely by individual: 21.2%

- “Members of the public **rely heavily on lawyers** to prepare planning documents ... New forms of **interprofessional collaboration** should be considered to increase the interface between physicians and lawyers.” (Goodridge et al, 2013)



From Advance Care Planning in Canada : National Framework 2012
<http://www.advancecareplanning.ca/media/40158/acp%20framework%20012%20eng.pdf>

Knowledge to action cycle



Medical Legal Collaboration Activities



THE CANADIAN
BAR ASSOCIATION
Alberta Branch



Engaged CBA (Wills, Estates & Trusts, Elder and Health Law Sections) and Legal Education Society



Environmental Scan of ACP resources for lawyers



Focus groups:

- Campus Alberta grant
- Pre-meeting on-line survey of participants

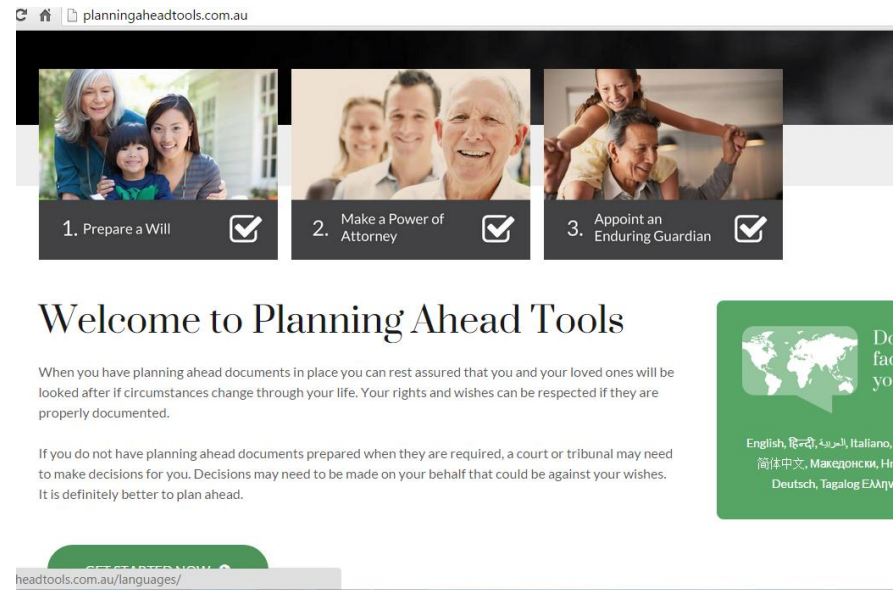


1. ACP is embedded in lawyers' advance planning (ie. wills, estate planning) practices

2. Lawyers don't have resources they need

■ Gaps in communication resources for:

- Lawyer/client
- Client/key others
- Lawyer/key others
- Legal profession
- Public



The screenshot shows the website planningaheadtools.com.au. At the top, there are three cards with images and checkmarks:

- 1. Prepare a Will ✓
- 2. Make a Power of Attorney ✓
- 3. Appoint an Enduring Guardian ✓

Below these cards is a section titled "Welcome to Planning Ahead Tools". The text reads:

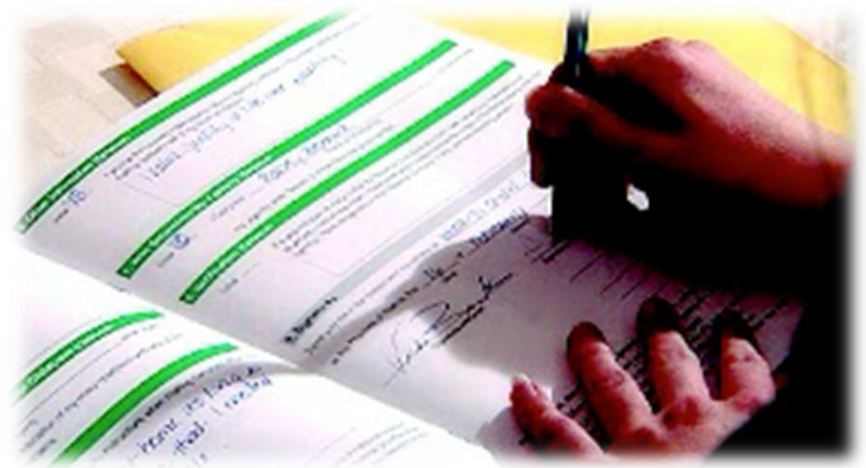
When you have planning ahead documents in place you can rest assured that you and your loved ones will be looked after if circumstances change through your life. Your rights and wishes can be respected if they are properly documented.

If you do not have planning ahead documents prepared when they are required, a court or tribunal may need to make decisions for you. Decisions may need to be made on your behalf that could be against your wishes. It is definitely better to plan ahead.

At the bottom right, there is a green box with a world map icon and the text: "English, हिन्दी, العربية, Italiano, 简体中文, Македонски, हिन्दी, Deutsch, Tagalog Ελληνικά".

3. Lawyers don't have resources in the form they need:

- Harmonization
- Coordination
- Registries



4. “Cookie-cutter” approach will not meet needs of different clients

5. Improvements needed to Inter-professional Communication

- Protocols
- Cost barrier
- Trust
- Benefits

- Publication on role of lawyers in ACP
- Survey of legal profession in Alberta
- Follow up meeting with stakeholders
- RCT asks questions about discussions/documents with lawyers
- Explore inter-professional collaboration

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the Advance Care Planning CRIO Program. The browser tabs include 'Search results - mau...', 'CT Home - ClinicalTrials', 'Research Electronic', 'REDCap', and 'Advance Care Planni'. The address bar shows 'www.acpcrio.org'. The website header features the University of Calgary logo and a navigation menu with links for 'HOME', 'RESEARCH ACTIVITIES', 'MEMBERSHIP', 'NEWS AND EVENTS', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'LINKS', and 'CONTACT US'. The main content area is titled 'The Alberta Advance Care Planning CRIO Research Program (ACP CRIO)' and includes a section 'What is Advance Care Planning?' with a definition of ACP. Below this is a section 'What is ACP CRIO?' with a description of the program. A circular diagram on the right side of the page is divided into three segments: 'Resuscitative Care', 'Medical Care', and 'Comfort Care'. The footer of the browser window shows the system tray with the date '12/05/2015' and time '12:55 PM'.