Communication with family, friends, or others involved in the patient’s care

Does the patient have capacity to consent because the patient is present, not experiencing temporary psychosis, and not under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

- Yes
  - Does the patient consent to the communication?
    - No
      - Is the communication in the patient’s best interest based on professional judgement?
        - Yes
          - Is there any prior expressed patient preference against speaking to this person?
            - Yes
              - HIPAA precludes contacting family, friends or other individual.
            - No
              - Communicate information limited to that relevant to the contact’s involvement in care or payment for care
        - No
          - Communicate information limited to that relevant to the contact’s involvement in care or payment for care
    - Yes
      - Is there a good faith belief that patient poses serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of themselves or others?
        - Yes
          - Can the family member or other person lessen the threat of harm?
            - Yes
              - Communicate information limited to that relevant to the contact’s involvement in care or payment for care
            - No
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        - No
          - Communicate information limited to that relevant to the contact’s involvement in care or payment for care
  - No
    - Communicate information limited to that relevant to the contact’s involvement in care or payment for care