



SUBSTITUTE DECISION MAKERS

DUTIES OF A SUBSTITUTE DECISION MAKER

Substitute Decision Maker (SDM): In British Columbia there are the following types of SDMs and they are listed below in the order of hierarchy:

Committee of Person ([Patients Property Act](#)): If there is a court ordered Committee of Person for the person, the Committee has the authority to make decisions regarding risk choices for the person.

Representative ([Representation Agreement Act](#)): If there is a Representative appointed by the person by way of a Representation Agreement, the Representative may have authority depending on the provisions in the agreement.

Temporary Substitute Decision Maker (“TSDM”) and Substitute for Facility Admissions (“Substitute”) (Health Care (Consent) and Care Facilities (Admission) Act) ([HCCCFAA](#)): TSDMs for health care and Substitutes for care facility admission decisions are determined through the [HCCCFAA](#).

Note: Power of Attorney (**Power of Attorney Act**) and Committee of Estate (**Patients Property Act**): Powers of Attorney and Committee of Estates pertain only to financial matters

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