

# How advocacy can help

ADA Law is a Community Legal Service specialising in guardianship and administration matters for adults whose decision making capacity is impaired or in question.

## What can we do?

ADA Law can support a patient when:

- there is no attorney or decision maker in place
- they are waiting on a QCAT hearing
- they are having issues with their appointed attorney or decision maker
- they were experiencing elder abuse while they were in a residential aged care facility by their carer, family, friend or attorney.

## How we work

ADA Law lawyers and advocates support an individual to resolve an issue. We work alongside any other support the individual has in place, and while lawyers and advocates provide representation, information and make referrals to other services, they do not take on a case management role.



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# Advocacy & Legal support for adult patients

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# How ADA Law can help adult patients in hospital

## Healthcare decision making advice

ADA Law can advise patients and their practitioners about healthcare decision making, including relevant legislation, steps for obtaining consent or refusal, individual human rights, supported decision making and when to refer to substitute decision-makers and their hierarchy. We also refer to the Queensland Capacity Assessment Guidelines and can provide guidance on supported decision-making strategies, and support people to express their views and wishes.

## Enduring Power of Attorney matters

ADA Law can support patients to work with or negotiate with their attorneys when there are concerns or disagreements with decisions around health matters, and can support patients to review decision makers nominated in their Enduring Power of Attorney.

## Representation at QCAT

ADA Law can support a patient to express their wishes while waiting for a QCAT hearing, and can represent a patient at a QCAT hearing.

## Responding to elder abuse or suspected elder abuse

ADA Law can support patients who usually reside in residential aged care and were experiencing elder abuse perpetrated by a carer, family member, friend or attorney.

ADA Law can also support patients who may be told they need to move into residential aged care but they don't agree or wish to.

**Advice on healthcare  
decision making**



**Negotiation with attorneys  
and decision makers**



**Representation  
at QCAT**

