

Many of the legal issues of older adults relate to medical problems. Consider, for example, Alzheimer's disease or other dementia: a person suffering from this may need a court appointed guardian. Many older people want to designate a relative to make medical decisions for them; Clinic students help them by drafting statutory health care powers of attorney. A hospital chaplain and physician sometimes teach students about bioethics issues in end-of-life medical treatment. Clinic students may tour the ICU (intensive care unit) or Hospice Home, with these experts. The exposure to medical information provides law students with a superior background for elder law cases.