

Shared decision-making dialogue prompts

Use these prompts to guide shared decision-making conversations. They can help you explain options, understand what matters to the patient, and support them to make an informed decision.

Introduce choice

“There are a few options to consider”

“Some people like to be very involved in the treatment decisions; others prefer us to take the lead. What is best for you?”

Explain options

“Let’s talk through the different options”

[Remember **BRAN** – **B**enefits; **R**isks; **A**lternatives; **N**o treatment]

Check understanding

“Just to check that I’ve explained everything clearly, could you tell me why I recommend [treatment]”

“How much do you think stents will help you?”

Explore what matters

“Do you have any plans or commitments that we should consider when making this decision?”

“What’s important for you in your day-to-day life right now?”

“Are there any concerns or worries you have?”

Ask preferences

“How do you feel about [treatment]?”

“Which option are you leaning towards?”

Support deliberation

“Have a look through this information at home.”

“Is there anyone you’d like to discuss this with?”

Make decision

“Let’s agree on your next steps.”

Follow-up

“If you have questions after today, here’s who to contact.”