**CANH (Clinically-assisted nutrition and hydration)**

**The decision-making process**

- Is there a valid and applicable advance decision to refuse treatment (ADRT)? (see section 2.3).
  - **No**
    - Is there a health and welfare attorney with the relevant power? (see section 2.3).
      - **No**
        - Follow clinician-led best interest decision-making process (see sections 2.3 and 2.6 and Appendix 1). Is there agreement to provide/continue CANH?
          - **No**
            - Is there agreement to stop, or not to start/restart CANH?
              - **No**
                - Discuss disagreement and consider use of mediation service. Is there agreement? (see section 2.9).
              - **Yes**
                - Discuss issues of concern/reservations and consider use of mediation service. Are the issues resolved?
                  - **No**
                    - If there is doubt or uncertainty about any of the following, an application to the Court of Protection is required (see section 2.9):
                      - whether an ADRT or LPA applies; or
                      - whether the health and welfare attorney is acting in the best interests of the patient; or
                      - whether the provision of CANH is in the patient’s best interests.
                  - **Yes**
                    - If there is doubt about whether the ADRT or LPA applies, or where there is doubt that the health and welfare attorney is acting in the best interests of the patient
                      - seek independent second opinion (see section 2.8 and figure 2). Does the second-opinion clinician take the view that the decision to withdraw CANH is in the best interest of the patient?
                        - **Yes**
                          - Do not start/restart, or make arrangements to stop CANH and ensure relevant end-of-life care plan is in place (see section 2.10).
                        - **No**
                          - Follow the health and welfare attorney’s decision unless it is contrary to the patient’s best interests.
                          - Follow the ADRT and either do not start/restart or make arrangements to stop CANH. Ensure relevant end-of-life care plan is in place.
        - **Yes**
          - Follow the ADRT and either do not start/restart or make arrangements to stop CANH. Ensure relevant end-of-life care plan is in place.
          - Provide/continue CANH and set date for review (see section 2.7).
          - If there is doubt or uncertainty about any of the following, an application to the Court of Protection is required (see section 2.9):
            - whether an ADRT or LPA applies; or
            - whether the health and welfare attorney is acting in the best interests of the patient; or
            - whether the provision of CANH is in the patient’s best interests.
          - Seek independent second opinion (see section 2.8 and figure 2). Does the second-opinion clinician take the view that the decision to withdraw CANH is in the best interest of the patient?
            - **Yes**
              - Do not start/restart, or make arrangements to stop CANH and ensure relevant end-of-life care plan is in place (see section 2.10).
            - **No**
              - Follow the health and welfare attorney’s decision unless it is contrary to the patient’s best interests.