

What is the Independent Rights Advice Service (IRAS)?

IRAS is a new service that connects involuntary patients in BC with Rights Advisors. Rights Advisors explain your rights, answer questions, and provide options.

Independent

Rights Advisors do not work for the government, facility, or healthcare team.

Confidential

- ▶ Rights Advisors meet with you in private and they don't share what you talk about. You may invite a support person to your Rights Advice meeting.
- ▶ For minors, Rights Advisors can answer questions about your parents'/guardians' involvement in your treatment.

Free

- ▶ You can meet with a Rights Advisor free of charge.
- ▶ You can tell your healthcare provider when you want to meet with a Rights Advisor.
- ▶ Meetings are by phone or video-call. In-person meetings are available in some locations. The facility must provide a private room suitable for the meeting.

As the service grows, there will be more ways to access a Rights Advisor.

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