

# Improving question formulation for use in evidence appraisal in a tertiary care setting: a randomised controlled trial

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## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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### Type(s)

Scientific

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## Additional identifiers

### Protocol serial number

N/A

## Study information

## Scientific Title

### Study objectives

The study sought to determine whether adding simple instructions and examples on clinical question formulation would increase the specificity of the question being submitted by the health care professional compared to using a standard form without instructions and examples.

### Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

### Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

### Study design

Randomised controlled trial

### Primary study design

Interventional

### Study type(s)

Not Specified

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Question formulation by health care professionals

### Interventions

New participants were invited to reformulate clinical queries. The control group was given no instructions. The intervention group was given a brief explanation of proper formulation, written instructions, and diagrammatic examples.

### Intervention Type

Other

### Phase

Not Specified

### Primary outcome(s)

The change in the proportion of reformulated questions that described each the dimensions of specificity.

### Key secondary outcome(s)

The differences in the degree by which a particular dimension was specified.

### Completion date

30/06/2001

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

Health care professionals affiliated with a tertiary care health care network in Melbourne, Australia

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Not Specified

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Key exclusion criteria**

Previous users of the service

**Date of first enrolment**

01/07/2000

**Date of final enrolment**

30/06/2001

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Australia

**Study participating centre**

**Deputy Director**

Victoria

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## **Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

Centre for Clinical Effectiveness (Australia)

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02t1bej08>

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Not defined

## Funder Name

Self-funded through internal research funds

# Results and Publications

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

## IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

## Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	Results	01/11/2001		Yes	No