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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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EudraCT/CTIS number

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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

Secondary study design
Randomised controlled trial

Study setting(s)
Not specified

Study type(s)
Not Specified

Participant information sheet

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

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

Overall study start date
01/07/2000

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

Age group
Not Specified

Sex
Not Specified

Target number of participants
39

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

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Research organisation

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https://ror.org/02t1bej08

Funder(s)

Funder type
Not defined

Funder Name
Self-funded through internal research funds

Results and Publications

Publication and dissemination plan
Not provided at time of registration

Intention to publish date

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?
Results article	Results	01/11/2001		Yes	No