

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

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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

Primary study design

Interventional

Study design

Randomised controlled trial

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

Australia

3168

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?
Results article	Results	01/11/2001		Yes	No