

Lec 8 MCQs: Evidence-Based Medicine – Introduction

Set 1: MCQs (10 Questions)

1. Evidence-Based Medicine integrates three main components, EXCEPT:
 - A. Best research evidence
 - B. Patient values
 - C. Clinical expertise
 - D. Physician financial interest
 - E. Local conditions

2. A clinician sees many patients daily. According to EBM, the need for information is estimated as:
 - A. 1 question per inpatient
 - B. 5 questions per inpatient
 - C. 10 questions per inpatient
 - D. 5 questions per 10 outpatients
 - E. No questions are typically needed

3. Traditional medical practice is based mainly on all of the following EXCEPT:
 - A. Knowledge
 - B. Personal experience
 - C. Expert opinions
 - D. Randomized controlled trials
 - E. Reading

4. Why might relying only on personal experience be problematic?
 - A. Experience is always biased
 - B. Experience cannot be shared
 - C. Experience may be outdated or incorrect
 - D. Experience is illegal in medicine
 - E. Experience is only useful in surgery

5. Which type of clinical question contains a question root + condition?

- A. Prognosis
- B. Background
- C. Foreground
- D. Meta-analysis
- E. Expert opinion

6. "Is digoxin effective in reducing hospital readmission in elderly CHF patients?" is:

- A. Background
- B. Prognosis
- C. Foreground (PICO)
- D. Diagnostic accuracy
- E. Screening question

7. The "I" in PICO stands for:

- A. Identification
- B. Intervention
- C. Indicator
- D. Individual
- E. Impression

8. "Comparison" in PICO refers to:

- A. Expected outcome
- B. Target population
- C. Alternative treatment/placebo
- D. Method of randomization
- E. Duration of therapy

9. Pre-appraised evidence resource:

- A. Medline

- B. Google Scholar
- C. Cochrane Library
- D. UpToDate
- E. Textbooks

10. A patient refuses medication due to fear of side effects. This highlights:

- A. Physician preference
- B. Patient values
- C. Expert opinion
- D. Research evidence
- E. Hospital regulations

Set 2: MCQs (10 Questions)

11. Using RCTs + clinical experience + patient preferences represents:

- A. Traditional medicine
- B. Evidence-based medicine
- C. Anecdotal medicine
- D. Personalized medicine only
- E. Research-only medicine

12. First step of EBM:

- A. Appraise
- B. Acquire
- C. Apply
- D. Assess performance
- E. Ask the clinical question

13. Foreground questions:

- A. General knowledge
- B. Require no scenario

- C. Structured using PICO
- D. Answered by textbooks
- E. Never involve interventions

14. Valid P (population):

- A. ACE inhibitor therapy
- B. Diabetic adults with hypertension
- C. Placebo tablet
- D. Improved HbA1c
- E. Beta-blocker therapy

15. Pregnant woman asking about smoking harm:

- A. Therapy
- B. Harm/Etiology
- C. Diagnosis
- D. Prognosis
- E. Screening

16. Best example of answerable EBM question:

- A. Is hypertension dangerous?
- B. Why do some people get hypertension?
- C. In elderly hypertensive males, does captopril vs atenolol improve BP control?
- D. Is atenolol good?
- E. Should I use ACE inhibitors?

17. PICO element compared against intervention:

- A. P
- B. I
- C. C
- D. O

E. None

18. Medline requires appraisal because:

A. Outdated

B. Non-appraised resource

C. Only RCTs

D. Not peer-reviewed

E. Not used for EBM

19. Final step of EBM:

A. Acquire evidence

B. Appraise evidence

C. Apply evidence

D. Assess performance

E. Ask questions

20. Balance required in EBM:

A. Evidence alone

B. Patient preferences alone

C. Clinical expertise alone

D. Evidence + expertise + patient values

E. Hospital policy + physician preference

Correct Answers:

1-D, 2-B, 3-D, 4-C, 5-B, 6-C, 7-B, 8-C, 9-C, 10-B

11-B, 12-D, 13-C, 14-B, 15-B, 16-C, 17-C, 18-B, 19-D, 20-D

