

# The ABCs of Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs): Writing & Evaluating Questions

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### Monday 5th February 2024, 3:30-6:30PM

Venue: Qatar University, Bldg I06 Room GCL05)

Target Audience: All health professionals and personnel involved in teaching and

training of health professionals

#### Aim:

To enhance participants' understanding and skills in using Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) as an effective assessment method.

#### **Overall learning objectives:**

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Design MCQs according to good assessment practices.
- Reflect on different cognitive levels of MCQs
- Evaluate the quality of constructed MCQs
- Identify strengths and weaknesses in question design.
- Discuss the critical appraisal of MCQs

#### **Speakers**

- Dr. Abderrezzag Soltani. Academic Quality Department at QU health
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## **Activity schedule:**

Time and Speakers	Schedule and Learning outcomes
10 mins	Brief introduction of facilitators and participants.
30 mins	Design MCQs according to good assessment practices.     Overview of MCQs as an assessment tool.     Structure of an MCQ.     Discussion on criteria for good assessment.
20 mins	Activity: Reflect on different cognitive levels of MCQs
30 mins	Activity: Evaluate the quality of constructed MCQs  • Hands-on session where participants create their own MCQs [15mins].  • Peer review of constructed questions [15mins]
10mins	Prayers break
30 mins	<ul> <li>Identify strengths and weaknesses in question design.</li> <li>Best practices for creating high-quality MCQs (tips).</li> <li>Flaws while constructing MCQs</li> </ul>
30 mins	<ul> <li>Discuss the critical appraisal of MCQs</li> <li>Group discussion on sample questions presented by audience and on observed strengths and weaknesses.</li> </ul>
20 mins	Discuss the critical appraisal of MCQs
10 mins	Conclusions and Q&A  • Key takeaways messages.