

Evidence-based Practice Training for Optometry Educators: Mixed Results from a Two-day Workshop

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# Train-Trainers workshops





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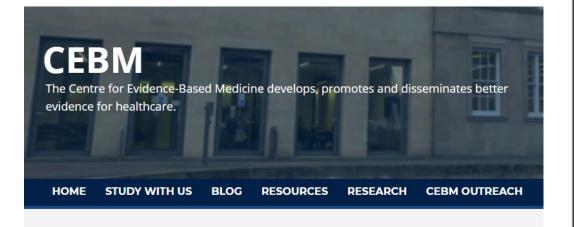
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SHORT REPORT

An interprofessional train-the-trainer evidence-based practice workshop: Design and evaluation

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Teaching EBM - 2019







Knowledge, skills or attitude	Topic	Format	Duration (mins)
Knowledge and attitude	Clinical decision making – how do we make clinical decisions?	Small group discussion followed by whole group	30
Knowledge	EBP concept	Small group discussion followed by whole group	60
Attitude	Is EBP important?	Small group discussion followed by whole group including examples (from facilitator if needed).	30
Knowledge	How is EBP 'done'?	Small group discussion followed by whole group	30
Skills	Form an answerable question	Small group work	30
Skills		Discussion – what is evidence? (includes study designs)	60
Skills	Find evidence	How do we look for research evidence? A demonstration	30
Skills		Workshop – find evidence using Pubmed, Cochrane and Trip databases	60

2-day workshop at five schools

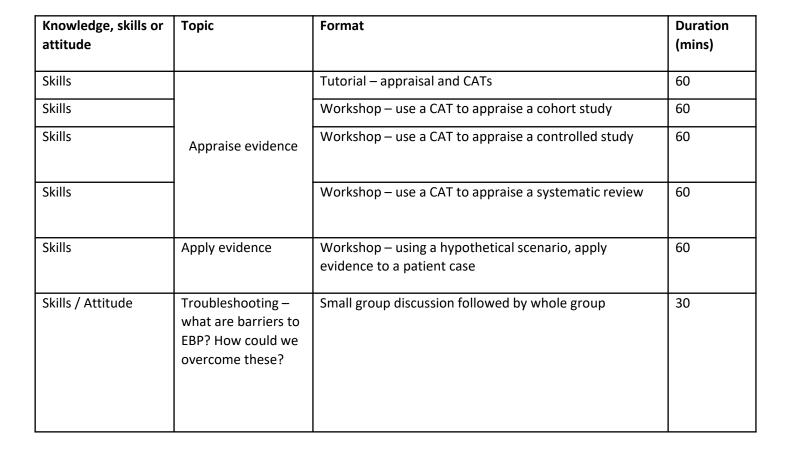
Small groups, up to 25 in total group

Focus on knowledge, then attitude and skills

Skills focused on phrasing a clinical question and finding related evidence.



# Workshop Format: Day 2





Focus on skills on 2<sup>nd</sup> day.

Main focus on critical appraisal and applying evidence.

Tutorial demonstrating appraisal of an RCT using a critical appraisal tool.

Then small group work on appraisal of RCT and systematic review.

Applying evidence based on clinical scenarios.



#### Assessment







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The "evidence-based practice inventory": reliability and validity was demonstrated for a novel instrument to identify barriers and facilitators for Evidence Based Practice in health care

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Based on existing method by Kaper et al (2015) which assesses self-reported EBP skills, attitude and behaviour. Questionnaire wording was changed to remove 'EBP' and to apply to educators not necessarily making clinical decisions themselves.

26 items reduced to 16 plus one open question on the value of research for clinical decision-making in optometry.

Modified questionnaire applied before and after the workshops in three Indian optometry schools.





1. I feel that research is useless 1 2 3 4 5 6 useful to improve patients' outcomes.

[unmodified]

4. I am unlikely 123456 likely to apply research principles in considering or making clinical decisions.

[I rarely / frequently use research evidence to support my clinical decisions]

7. I feel that I am incapable 123456 capable of applying research to clinical decisions.

[I feel that I am incapable / capable of applying EBP principles in my clinical decisions]



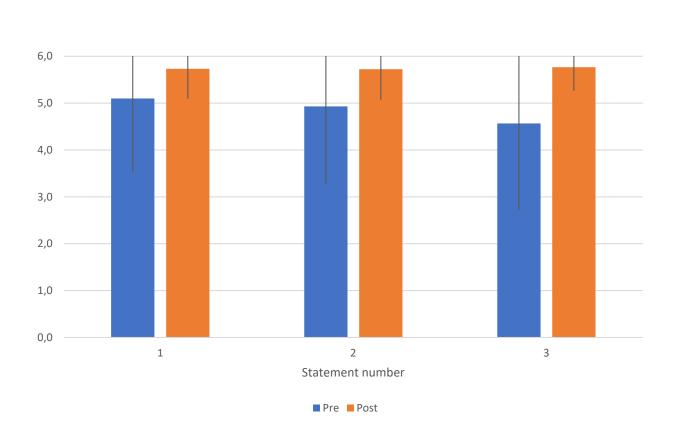
#### Results

- At one of the five schools, few participants were able to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> day
- 15 participants at one school and 16 at another attended the two days and completed pre- and post-workshop assessment.
- At each of these two schools, participants included those teaching optometry, with backgrounds in optometry and other clinical and non-clinical backgrounds.
- Mean scores were similar at the two schools (p>0.9) at pre and post workshop stages, so data were combined for further analysis.



### Results: Attitude



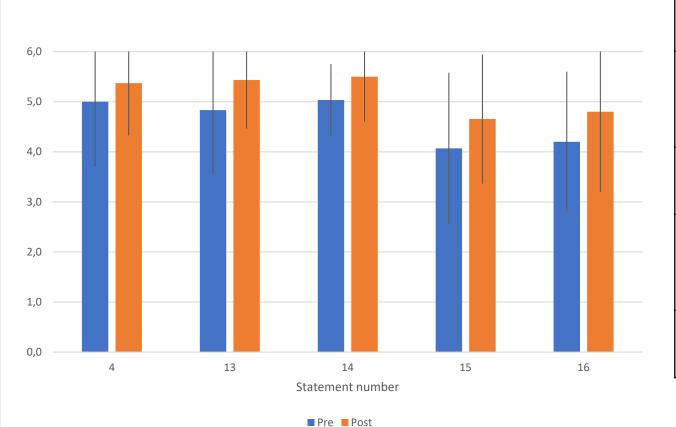


	Statement	P value
1	I feel that research is useful to improve patients' outcomes	0.011
2	I feel that research is an important feature of high quality patient care	0.007
3	I feel that research improves the quality of clinical decisions	0.001





### Results: Clinical decisions

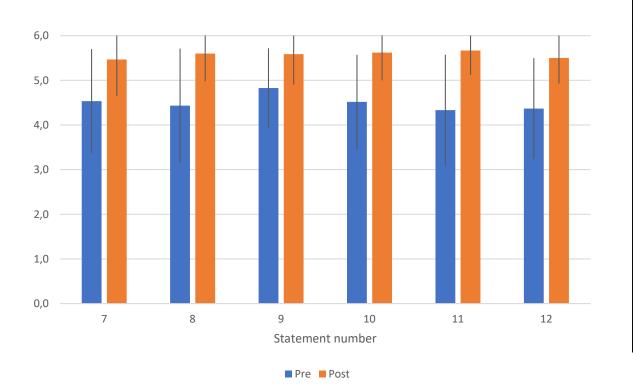


Statement number		P value
4	I am likely to apply research principles in considering or making clinical decisions	0.218
13	I give high priority to a thorough understanding of the background of the answers to clinical questions	0.022
14	I am likely to use research evidence to support clinical decisions	0.028
15	I would prefer to use research evidence for considering or making clinical decisions	0.035
16	I am likely to look for research to find answers to clinical questions	0.053



# Results: Perceived behavioural control





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Statement number		P value
7	I feel that I am capable of applying research to clinical decisions	<0.0001
8	I feel that I am capable of translating information needs into relevant and feasible clinical questions	<0.0001
9	I feel that I am capable of searching for research evidence	<0.0001
10	I feel that I am capable of critically appraising research	<0.0001
11	I feel that I am capable of translating research evidence to the care of individual patients	<0.0001
12	I feel capable of regularly keeping up with latest research evidence from literature	<0.0001



# "What are your views on the value of research for clinical decision making in optometry?" Pre- workshop

- Clinical decisions should be evidence based
- High quality research is very important ... for best clinical decision making for any healthcare profession
- Research provides us new pathways to follow to treat or diagnose any problem
- It helps in better understanding of disease process, helps in quick and accurate diagnosis and management
- Research should be conducted in every field of clinical study based programme
- Research is much more important than the clinical decision making...need more workshops about research evidence

# "What are your views on the value of research for clinical decision making in optometry?" Post- workshop

- Patient care and clinical decisions can be improved by using research
- Evidence based practice should be adopted in every field especially for physicians not only for upgrading knowledge but also improve patient care
- Research does play a vital role in decision making
- Very vital for up to date practice
- High quality research evidence is very important for the evidence based clinical decision making in any healthcare profession
- Quality research should be done to improve evidence based clinical practice



## Summary

- After the workshop, participants were more inclined to view research as useful and important in patient care.
- They also felt more capable of finding and using research in clinic.
- However, they were no more inclined to look for research

I feel that I am capable of searching for	<0.0001
research evidence	

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I am likely to use research evidence to	0.028	
support clinical decisions		

I am likely to look for research to find answers to clinical questions

0.053





#### Conclusion

- This workshop format may be useful to develop EBP abilities in educators
- But, abilities were perceived and not tested
- Additional assessment should test actual skill development and behaviour
- While participants felt more able and held positive views about using clinical they might not do so
- Engagement in EBP training may be challenging

