

Learning Styles Self-Assessment Tool 1

Instructions: For questions 1-18, each item is a statement from a preceptor to a learner. As you read it, focus less on the content and more on the manner that the question or statement is given. Indicate on the scale on the left-hand side your level of comfort in hearing this style of question or statement from a preceptor. There are no right or wrong answers – only preferences.

Very uncomfortable 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 Very comfortable

1. "We've got a few minutes now ... I'll give you my 10 minute talk on _____."
2. "What are the seven causes of _____?"
3. "_____ is an important and common problem. Read this chapter so that you will know more about it."
4. "We've got a few minutes now ... What would you like to discuss?"
5. "We saw two patients with _____ today. What useful things did you learn and what questions remain?"
6. "Look carefully at your knowledge base and your clinical skills and let me know tomorrow what needs improvement and how we can work on that over the remaining three weeks."
7. "What is the drug of choice for _____?"
8. "Amoxicillin is an option for that purpose, but in experience increasing resistance patterns have made trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole a better choice."
9. "How did you arrive at that diagnosis and why?"
10. "O.K. So your working diagnosis for this patient is _____. What would you recommend for treatment and why?"
11. "What if the x-ray were normal? Would that change your diagnosis?"
12. "Mr. Clyburn shared some difficult information about his illness with you. How did that make you feel?"
13. "There are a wide variety of opinions on how to approach that ethical situation. What do you think you would do?"
14. "You seem to be having difficulty in dealing with this patient. What 'buttons' do you think this situation might be pushing for you?"
15. "I'm going to watch you interview this next patient."
16. "Watch my technique on this patient and I'll supervise you for the next."
17. "I know you've not done this before but I'll be right there to help you."
18. "You've done it before? OK. I'll watch you do it."

Adapted in May 2010 from Southern New Hampshire Area Health Education Center's Preceptor Training Module on Teaching Style, Learner Style.