Qualitative questionnaire EBM research

Be careful not to use leading questions

Topic 1:

Introducing the topic: About the workshop

I am going to ask you a series of questions related to the workshop you attended on EBM. I will be recording our conversation. Everything you tell me is in strict confidentiality.

If we find a statement that is important, can we quote it? If we do use a quotation your identity will remain confidential. It would appear in a publication or a presentation as “someone remarked…”

Do we have your permission to quote you anonymously?

Let’s get started:

1. Why did you come to this course?
   - Use prompts to get participant to elaborate,
2. Do you think EBM is important to clinicians?
   - MUST ask participant to explain. Do not accept yes, no answer answers
   - “Can you elaborate?”
3. Did the workshop meet your expectations?
   - MUST ask participant to explain. Do not accept yes, no answer answers
   i. “Can you elaborate?”
   ii. “You said … can you explain what you meant by/when you said…”
   iii. If answer is “No” ask [What did you expect, and that you didn’t find?]
4. Tell me one thing you [remember/learned / found useful/ / interesting] that you came out with by participating in the workshop
   - Get the participant to elaborate.
   i. Why did found this [worth remembering, useful / interesting / important]
   ii. OR if participant sates “I can’t remember anything [....]
      1. Why?
5. Have you changed anything since attending the workshop?
   - Explain ....
6. What was the impact of this workshop on your practice or your teaching?
   - Explain, or can you elaborate, or tell me more about ....
**Topic 2:**

*Introducing the topic: About resources*

Now I will ask you a few questions on resources you use in daily practice or for continued medical education

1. How do you find answers to your clinical questions you may have about a particular case?
2. How do you know (decide) to trust resources you consulted about a clinical question?
3. How do you keep up to date on important topics in medicine?