Topic Guide

Questions

Searching skills

- How do you usually search for medical information? (Search strategy)
 - Where do you search? (e.g. CPGs, journals, books, etc) Why?
 - o How do you search?
 - Do you find it easy to search for information?
 - If not, what are the reasons (barriers*)?
 - If yes, what are the reasons (facilitators*)
 - o How is the working environment here?

Access

- How do you access to this information? What are the initiatives that you take to look for valid information?
- Do you find it easy to search for information?
 - o if yes, what are the reasons (facilitators)
 - o if not, what are the reasons (barriers)
- Do you think that is important for you to get accurate medical information which is from a reliable source? Why?

Appraisal

- Do you assess or appraise the information that you get?
 - o if yes, how do you do it?
 - o if no, why not?
- Do you find it easy to assess the information?
 - o if yes, what are the reasons (facilitators)
 - o if not, what are the reasons (barriers)

EBM

- What is your view about evidence-based medicine (EBM)?
- What do you understand by EBM?
- Where did you learn about EBM?
- Do you practice EBM?
 - o If yes,
 - How do you practice EBM?
 - Under what circumstances?
 - How much time do you spend?
 - o If not, why not? Do you intend to practise EBM?

- Do you assess the information? (Appraisal)
 - o If yes, how?
 - o If no, why not?
 - o Do you find it easy to assess the information?
 - If not, what are the reasons (barriers*)?
 - If yes, what are the reasons (facilitators*)
- When do you use the information? (Implementation)
 - o Probe: What condition? With who?
 - o Do you find it easy to use the information?
 - If not, what are the reasons (barriers*)?
 - If yes, what are the reasons (facilitators*)
- Do you have any suggestions how to make the practice of EBM easier for you?
- We are going to develop an EBM support service to provide clinical evidence to help answer your clinical queries. (Explain the intervention)
 - o What do you think?
 - o Explore whether it is feasible and acceptable.
- Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

Thank you.

* Barriers and facilitators: Probe for doctor, patient and system factors