



Workshop 1

Motivational Interviewing in Brief Consultation: Slow down to Speed up Health Behavioural Change



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Many health conditions are directly related to patient's behaviors like tobacco use, diet, physical inactivity, poor drug adherence, lacking self-monitoring of disease and etc. Addressing and modifying those problem behaviors may help diseases prevention and control which is the main task in family medicine. In real practice, when we give patients advice on behavioral change, it is not uncommon to encounter reluctance or resistance from them. Our usual approach seems not very effective to facilitate behavioral change, even though sufficient consultation time is given.

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a directive, patient-centered approach that aims to help people change problem behaviors, it helps to enhance intrinsic motivation to change by exploring and resolving ambivalence. In this workshop, we will let participants to understand the basic principles and some essential mind-set and skill-set of this MI approach. Also, we would like to explore how to do it in our daily practice, with an unhurried manner and relatively brief consultation time.