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The concept of active learning emphasizes students as active participants in their learning. It's different from the traditional approach of telling learners the answers. Instead, individuals learn by connecting new ideas to their own understanding and past experiences. To do this, active learning incorporates a variety of approaches such as questioning. By adopting this approach, teachers expand from their traditional teaching role of information supplier and incorporate a broader skill set.

SO WHAT?

When done well, active learning enhances the learning experience, retention and independent future application. Here are a couple tools to get you started:

#1 Questioning¹ - basic but so powerful! Through asking different types of questions, a teacher can:

- Assess existing knowledge
- Guide acquisition, appraisal and application of new knowledge
- Reveal learner attitudes and feelings
- Model key physician feelings

Read the Level of Questioning Chart¹ to choose the right question for the kind of thinking you want the learner to be doing.

#2 One Minute Preceptor¹ - a framework to improve clinical clinical reasoning that involves the following steps:

- Get a commitment
- Probe for understanding
- Reinforce what was done well
- Correct mistakes
- Teach a general rule

Level of Questioning	Suitable for
4. Evaluation/Reflection	Postgraduate Residents
3. Critical Thinking	
2. Comprehension	
1. Knowledge	Undergraduate Students

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NOW WHAT?

Challenge yourself to:

- Incorporate more questioning when you are with your learners
- Join one of our workshops on active learning. They are free of charge, and help you earn a certificate. For more details, visit our website².

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