The Fresno Test of EBM


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“The Fresno test is a validated measurement of the steps of evidence-based practice. In addition to measuring the ability to ask an answerable clinical question, choose appropriate resources, and develop a MEDLINE search strategy, it requires users to demonstrate the ability to think critically about information." J Med Libr Assoc. 2012 October; 100(4): 270–276.

“The Fresno test, named for the California city in which it originated and the first test designed to assess all domains of evidence based practice, is both reliable and valid. Ramos and colleagues (p 319) developed and then validated the Fresno test using a sample of 96 novice and expert candidates. The short questionnaire had strong inter-rater reliability and clearly distinguished novices from experts. Doctors are increasingly expected to use research to inform their practice, but few evaluative tools exist to see how well these concepts are learned. Ideally, further validation would link performance to an objective assessment of patient care." BMJ. 2003 February 8; 326(7384): 0.