EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO WRITE A GOOD TEST QUESTION

✓ One concept, one question
✓ “Map” question to lecture objective
✓ Determine if a recall, analysis or application question
✓ Use clinical vignettes
✓ Only write Single Best Answer or Extended Matching questions

Extended Matching – Should contain a theme

Single Best Answer – Long stem, short options

Stem

• Clear and simple language, avoid unnecessary information

• Does it pass the ”Cover the Options” test?

Options

• Similar in length, homogenous, plausible, logical order

• Avoid Technical Flaws – don’t advantage the test-wise student
  
  o Grammatical clues
  
  o Logical clues
  
  o Convergence – correct answer is in several options
  
  o Absolute Terms – always, never
  
  o Word repeats – don’t provide clue in stem