Workshop 4: How to upgrade quality of my pharmaceutical care research design (educational workshop).

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A workshop for future and current pharmaceutical care researchers who would like to advance their research.

Introduction:

Pharmaceutical care research is inevitably connected with clinical practice. Researchers try to describe facts of current and past professional practice. On the other hand, they also try to develop and validate interventions that will improve health care outcomes, including patients' quality of life. Pharmaceutical care research is a relatively new field of research within pharmaceutical science. On the other hand, a number of methodological approaches are known from before and other fields. Nevertheless, the area represents an interesting challenge of quantitative and qualitative methodology for new as well as established researchers in the field.

Aim:

To get a qualified and peer-reviewed feedback on your own pharmaceutical care research project in order to advance the quality of research design.

Learning objectives:

- To understand methodological approaches in pharmaceutical care research.
- To advance your own research design.

Activities in the workshop:

Participants will present their research designs of their current and/or past research projects. Indepth discussion will be stimulated in order to get a relevant feedback from the group as well as workshop-leaders. Experiences from the past research involvements will be used to understand the advantages and disadvantages as well as the feasibility of possible methodological approaches. Based on the qualified and peer-reviewed feedback the participants will aim to advance their research project designs.