

# THE ONE-MINUTE PRECEPTOR

## FIVE MICROSKILLS METHOD

### 1. Get a commitment

#### Examples:

- What do you think is going on with this patient?
- What investigations do you feel are indicated?
- What do you think needs to be accomplished on this visit?

### 2. Probe for supporting evidence

#### Examples:

- What are the major findings that lead to your conclusion?
- What else did you consider?
- What made you choose that particular treatment

### 3. Teach as a general rule

- Keep it brief and focused on identified issues
- Avoid anecdotes and idiosyncratic preferences

### 4. Reinforce what was done right

- Be specific
- This reinforces positive behaviour

### 5. Correct errors

- Consider appropriate time and place
- Start with learner self-evaluation
- Be specific
- Consider language – “not best” rather than “bad”

