

# Educational Scholarship 101

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# Disclosures



At the end of this session, participants should be able to:

- Look at the table in front of them and see the outline of a possible educational research study that would be meaningful to them

Why should we do this at all?



What is your mission?



# Definitions

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**Scholarship:** “Knowledge resulting from study and research in a particular field”

**Evidence-based practice:** “All practical decisions made should be based on research studies that are selected and interpreted according to some specific norms”

**Comparative effectiveness research:** Identifying the most effective interventions through “the generation and synthesis of evidence generated through prospective and retrospective studies”

**Quality improvement:** “A formal approach to the analysis of performance and systematic efforts to improve it”

*This all applies to education as well as clinical practice!*

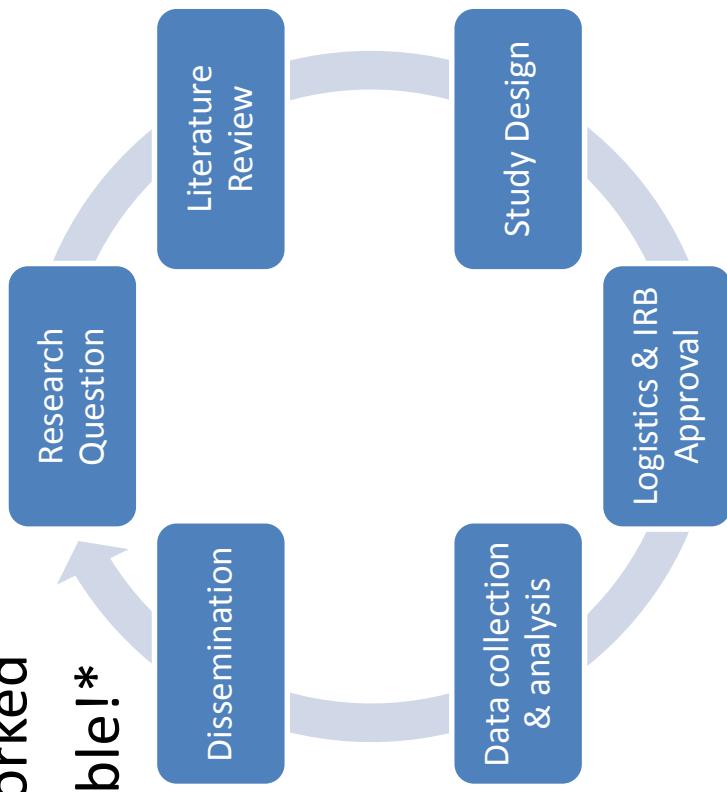
Think of something in your work  
that you are passionate about\*

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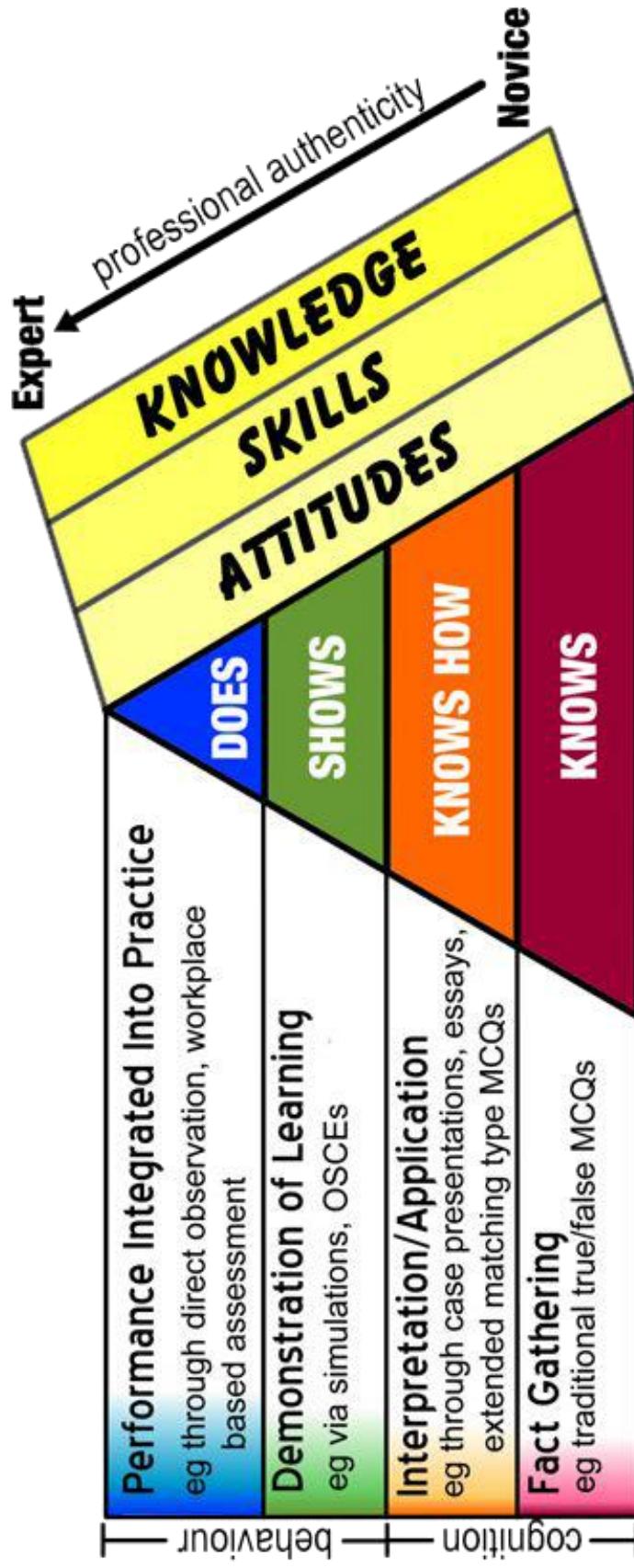
# Basic building blocks:

- Some knowledge, skills, or attitudes that you want to teach
- A plan for how you will do that
- Some measure of whether it worked
- Collaborator(s) whenever possible!\*



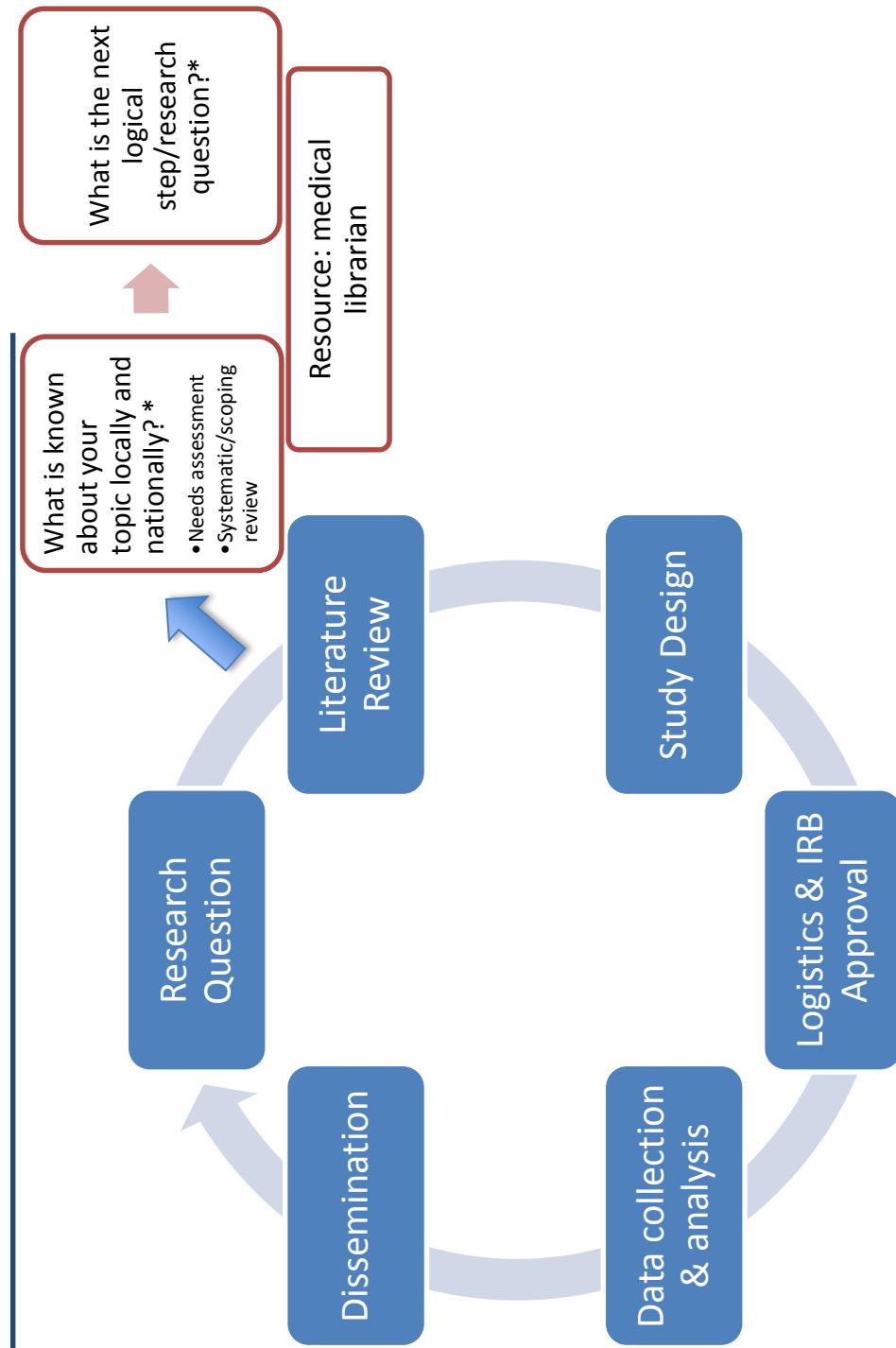
## MILLER'S PRISM OF CLINICAL COMPETENCE (aka Miller's Pyramid)

it is only in the "does" triangle that the doctor truly performs



Based on work by Miller GE, *The Assessment of Clinical Skills/Competence/Performance*; Acad. Med. 1990; 65(9): 63-67  
Adapted by Drs. R. Mehay & R. Burns, UK (Jan 2009)

# Basic building blocks

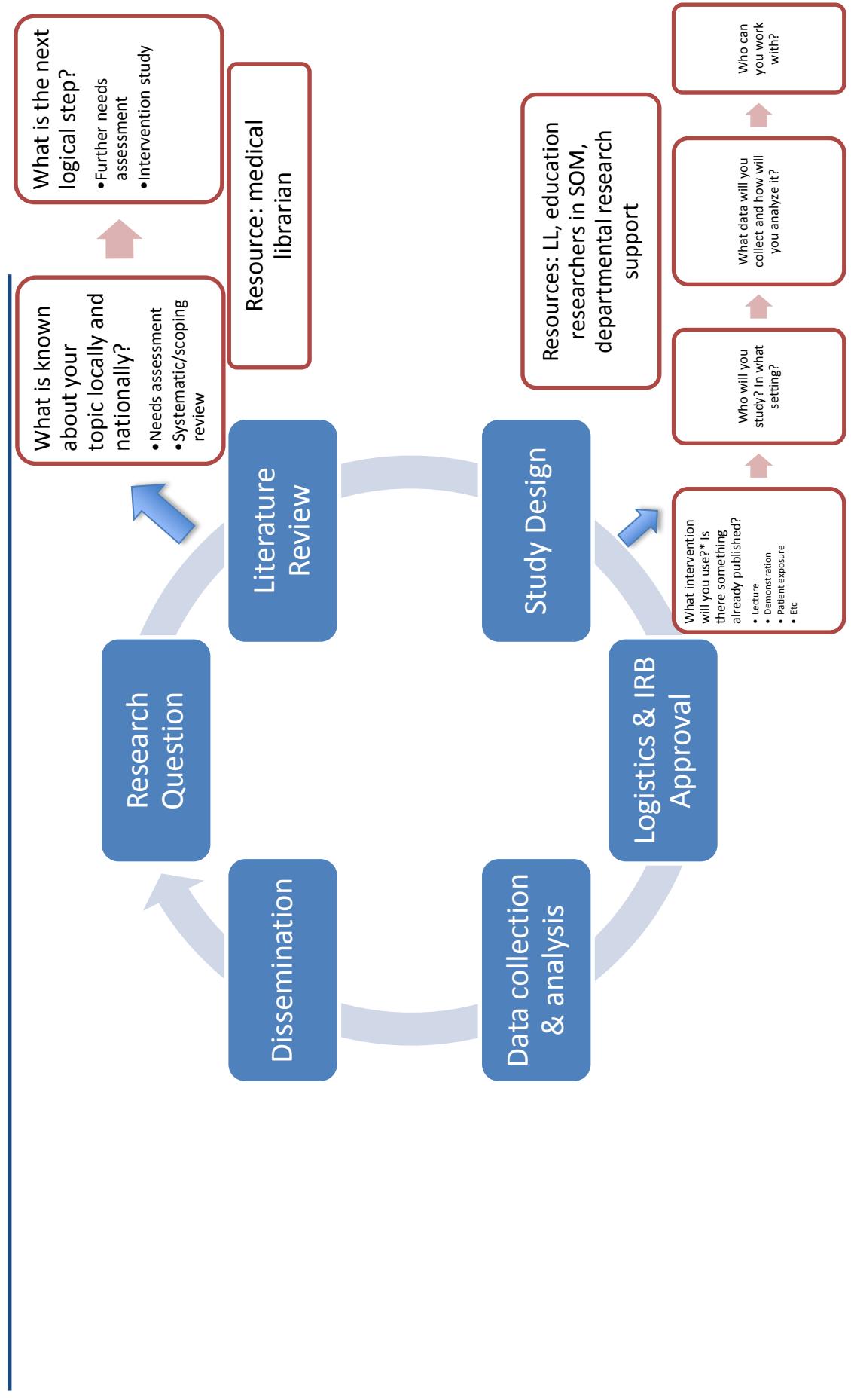


## Examples from (my) real life:

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- ✓ Does the preclinical medical school curriculum adequately prepare third year medical students for their pediatrics clerkship?
  - Needs assessment
  - Multiple institutions
  - Good collaborators
  - Survey easily distributed and collected
- What are key features of faculty development initiatives designed to promote educational research skills development & educational scholarship in medical education?
  - Literature review
  - Great collaborator
  - Information needed for ongoing work

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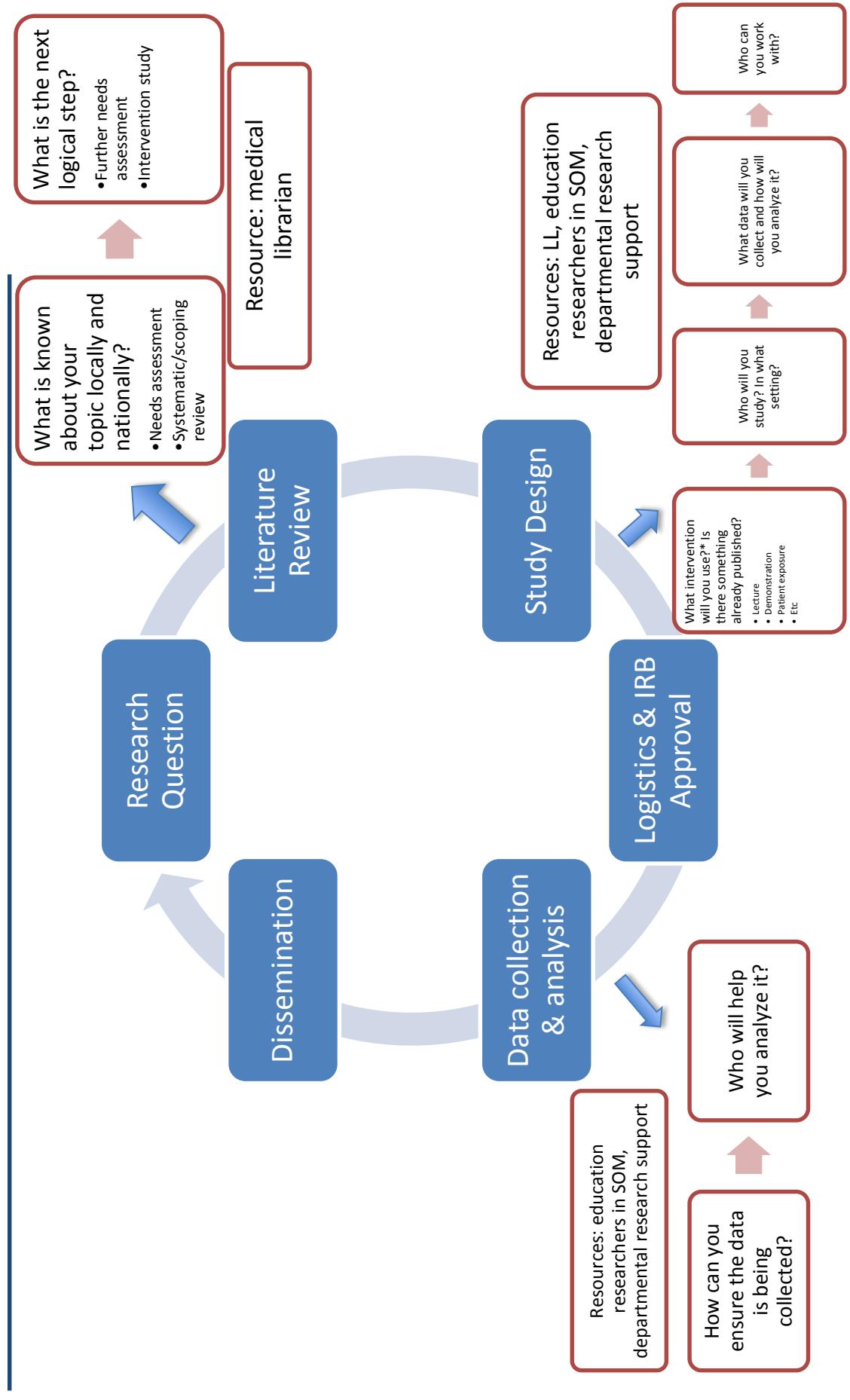
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- ✓ Is a new rating tool valid and reliable when reviewing third year medical students' oral case presentations?
  - Primary interest of mine at the time
  - Funded by (very) small grant from nat'l organization
  - Validation study

### Followed by:

- ✓ Is feedback on student oral case presentations improved when this rating tool is used?
- ✓ Does use of an online learning module improve student oral case presentations as much as receiving one-on-one feedback?
  - Multi-center studies
  - Enthusiastic collaborators, one with funding
  - Captive audience of participants
  - Existing place in student schedule for program

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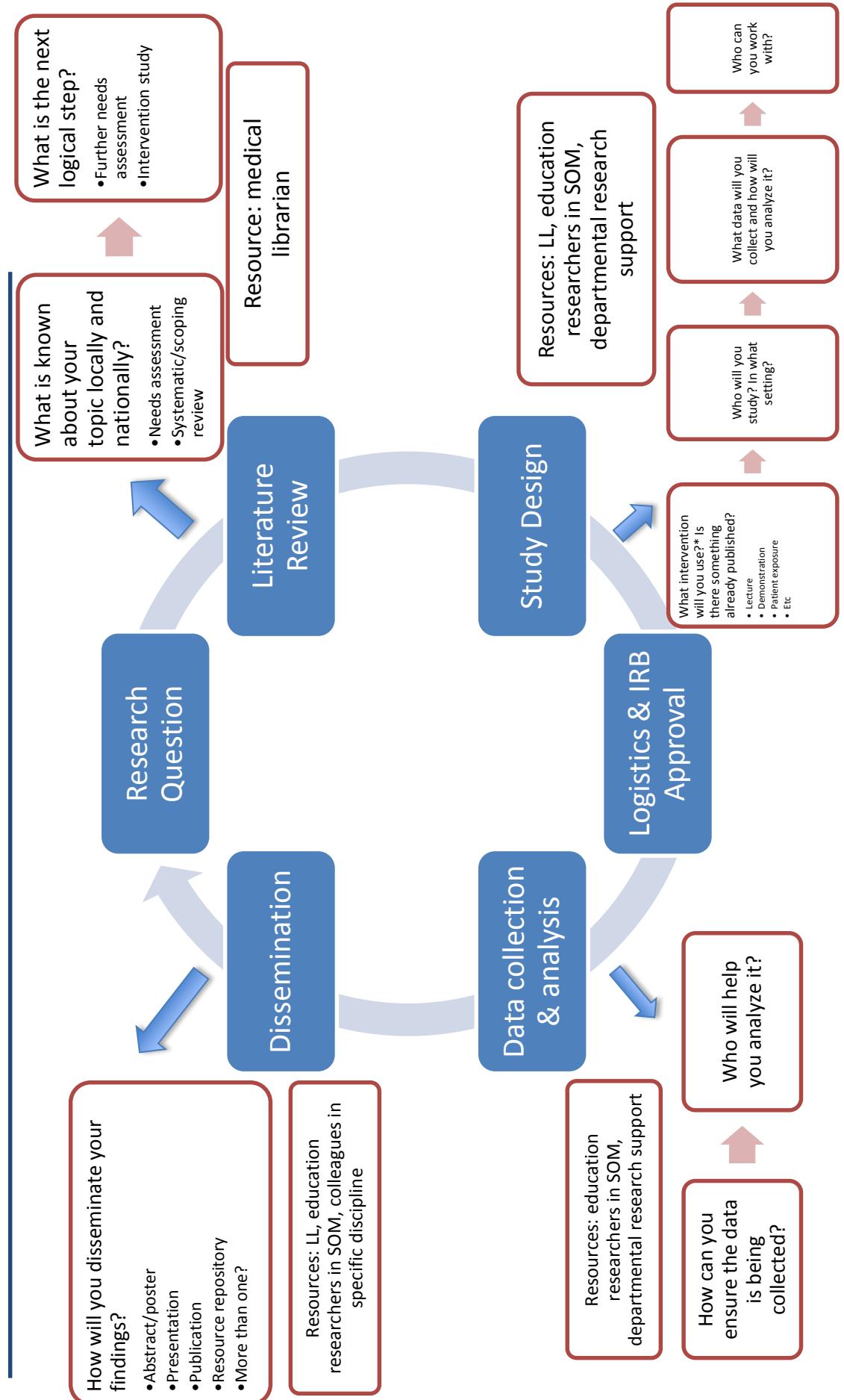
- Can a 2 hour workshop improve interns' skill in communicating effectively with consultants?
  - Teaching intervention based on validated tool
  - Assessment of "shows" via recorded standardized consult calls
    - Committed research group
    - Captive audience of participants
- Does a 4 hour training session in handoff communication improve resident handoffs on a pediatric ward rotation?
  - Resident driven project
  - Used a validated curriculum
  - Validated outcome measures – direct observation

## Examples from (my) real life

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- ✓ Does a pediatric heart sounds training session in the second year of medical school improve third year students' ability to identify important cardiac murmurs in children during their third year clerkship?
  - Resident project
  - Listening test
  - Captive audience
- ✓ Does learning basic clinical skills from trained second year students enhance the experiences of first year medical students in a first-summer clinical preceptorship?
  - Student led project
  - Captive audience

# Basic building blocks:



## Where can this be disseminated? (my real life, again)

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- National/Regional/Local meetings:
  - Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics
  - Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
  - Pediatric Academic Societies
  - Eastern Society for Pediatric Research
  - Medical Education Day
- Education journals:
  - Medical Science Educator
  - BMC Medical Education
  - Teaching and Learning in Medicine
  - Journal of Education in Health Care

## Dissemination, continued....

- Specialty-specific journals:
  - Pediatrics
  - Journal of Pediatrics
  - Academic Pediatrics
  - Global Pediatric Health
  - Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing
  - Journal of Human Lactation
- Other journals:
  - Maryland Medicine
- Online resource repositories:
  - MedEdPortal
  - APPD Learn

## Back to your worksheet...

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- What are you passionate about in your work that you already teach or could teach?
  - What is already known about this?
  - Can you create a research question that is feasible and important?
  - Who are your partners?
  - Do you have a teaching intervention or do you need to create one? Is there something already published?
  - What data would you collect? What level of evidence?
  - What kind of analysis would you do?
  - Who would want to know about this and how would you make sure they do?
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Thank you!

For the list of resources mentioned in this presentation, go to:

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