

Conviction and Confidence Scale

Fill this out before you start using teach-back, and 1 and 3 months later.

Name: _____

Check one: Before - Date: _____

1 month - Date: _____

3 months - Date: _____

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how **convinced** are you that it is important to use teach-back (ask patients to explain key information back in their own words)?

Not at all important

Very Important

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. On a scale from 1 to 10, how **confident** are you in your ability to use teach-back (ask patients to explain key information back in their own words)?

Not at all confident

Very Confident

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. How often do you ask patients to explain back, in their own words, what they need to know or do to take care of themselves?

- I have been doing this for 6 months or more.
- I have been doing this for less than 6 months.
- I do not do it now, but plan to do this in the next month.
- I do not do it now, but plan to do this in the next 2 to 6 months.
- I do not do it now and do not plan to do this.

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4. Check all the elements of effective teach-back you have used **more than half the time in the past work week.**

- Use a caring tone of voice and attitude.
- Display comfortable body language, make eye contact, and sit down.
- Use plain language.
- Ask the patient to explain, in their own words, what they were told.
- Use non-shaming, open-ended questions.
- Avoid asking questions that can be answered with a yes or no.
- Take responsibility for making sure you were clear.
- Explain and check again if the patient is unable to teach back.
- Use reader-friendly print materials to support learning.
- Document use of and patient's response to teach-back.
- Include family members/caregivers if they were present.

Notes: _____

