



Taboo (AMR Edition) for Medical Students

AIM OF THE ACTIVITY

The goal of the game is for a player to describe a word (the target word) to their team without saying the taboo words listed on the card. The team must guess the word before time runs out! This serves as a great icebreaker and helps the workshop facilitator gauge participants' knowledge, understanding of concepts, and familiarity with key terms related to AMR, setting the tone for the workshop.

What You'll Need:

- A set of Taboo cards or paper chits
- Each AMR related word comes with 3-5 taboo words.
- Timer (each round lasts 30 - 60 seconds)
- Buzzer or phone alarm for incorrect clues.
- Scoreboard to keep track of points.
- Players split into many teams.
- Balloons (to keep score) or any other interesting way to keep score

How to Play:

1. Setup:

- Divide the players into two teams.
- One player from the active team becomes the Clue Giver for the round.
- The opposing team selects a Monitor to ensure the Clue Giver doesn't use any taboo words.

2. Playing a Round:

- The Clue Giver picks a random card/chits from a bowl without showing it to their teammates.
- Their task is to make their team guess the target word by giving hints. However:
 - They cannot say any of the taboo words listed on the card.
 - They cannot say any part of the target word or spell it out.
 - They cannot say that word in any other language or use a rhyming word, use any gestures

3. Time Limit:

- The Clue Giver has 1-2 minutes to describe as many words as possible for their teammates to guess.

4. Scoring:

1 point is awarded for every correct guess. We typically give a colourful balloon to the winning team. Whoever ends up with the maximum number of balloons is the winner.



- If the Clue Giver accidentally says a taboo word, the Monitor from the opposite team raises an alarm/buzzes, and that card is removed from play. No points are earned for that word.

Here are a few words and their taboo words. Use these or any other words to make the cards/chits. So get set Taboo!!

Words on Cards: Use this [pdf](#) to generate flash cards

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