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

4. Reinforce what was done right
   - Be specific

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

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