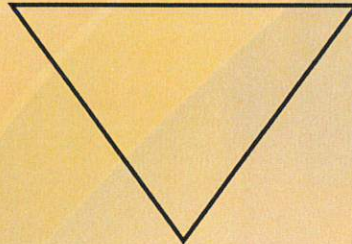


## **Open-ended and Closed-ended Questions \***

*Open-ended  
(elaborate)*



*Closed-ended  
(clarify)*

\* PARS #5 - Elicit information clearly, effectively

## **Open-ended questions**

### **Chief complaint, e.g.**

*“Why don’t you tell me (e.g.) about that back pain.”  
“Describe your headaches.”*

### **Past medical history, e.g.**

*“In general, how has your health been?”*

### **Psychosocial / activities of daily living, e.g.**

*“Tell me about yourself.”  
“Describe a typical day for you.”*

## ***Closed-ended questions \****

***Chief complaint, e.g.***

***“When did the back pain start?” ‡***

***“Where does it hurt?” ‡ ‡***

‡The “O” (Onset) in “OPQST”

‡‡The “R” (Region) in “OPQST”

***Past medical history, e.g.***

***“Are you on any medication for anything?”***

***“Have you had any surgeries?”***

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## ***Closed-ended questions \****

***Clarify information with closed-ended questions to get...***

- ✓ Yes / no answers
- ✓ Specific information
- ✓ Clarification

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