## Practical applications in designing profile questionnaires

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| **Initial scoping**  | • To check the availability of an appropriate instrument which matches the objectives of an intended study  
• If no instrument is available, identify ways and possible sources of information on how to develop an instrument which will match the intended objectives of a study | • Authors                    
• Researchers            |
| **Focus group interviews** | • To explore key areas of concern in designing the instrument | • Key informants 
• Researchers            |
| **Validation using the Delphi technique** | • To ensure that the instrument measures what it intends to measure  
• To collect highly generalisable data from the answers to be collected | • Experts in different areas of practice |
| **Pilot testing**    | • To “trial” the survey and identify possible problems to be encountered and allow troubleshooting to address the problems | • Participants  
representative of the sample population |