

Table 3 Evaluation of different aspects of the Altababa medical voluntary group workshops by health-care professionals (n = 110) and both health-care professionals and patients (n = 247)

Item	No.	%
<i>Which part of the services was most useful and helpful to you? (n = 110)</i>		
Diagnosis and management	80	72.7
Communication training	57	51.8
Cardiology, ECG, ECHO training	55	50.0
Laparoscopy training	27	24.5
All parts	17	15.5
Theoretical and video presentations	11	10.0
<i>Which part of the services was least useful and helpful to you? (n = 247)</i>		
None	216	87.4
Being on weekdays	22	9.8
The time was short	9	4.0
<i>Would you recommend a similar activity for other hospitals? (n = 247)</i>		
Yes	243	98.4
No	4	1.8
<i>Would you attend and advise a colleague/friend to attend in the future? (n = 247)</i>		
Yes	237	96.0
No	10	4.0
<i>What should be added next time to improve such visits? (n = 110)</i>		
Add endoscopy	50	20.2
Add orthopaedics	24	9.7
Add ophthalmology	17	6.9
Add paediatric cardiology	16	6.5
Add emergency room care, advanced life support, basic life support	10	4.0
Add radiology training	8	3.2
Other suggestions	11	4.5
<i>Do you have any other suggestions for future improvement? (n = 247)</i>		
Early arrangements with patients and use of media advertisements	104	42.1
Do it twice per year	72	29.1
Medicine and equipment supplies	61	24.7
Each volunteer group sponsor a hospital	31	12.6
Improve venues (air-conditioning)	21	8.5
Programme for medical students, nurses and operating room assistants	20	8.1
Best times are winter, weekends, nights	18	7.3
Cover other hospitals	10	4.0
Other suggestions	21	8.5