Question and Answer Management

Overview

Questions and answers are the core content of your assessment. This section covers creating, editing, and managing questions and their associated answers.

Understanding Questions

What Are Ouestions?

Questions are individual items within a section that collect information from users. Each question has:

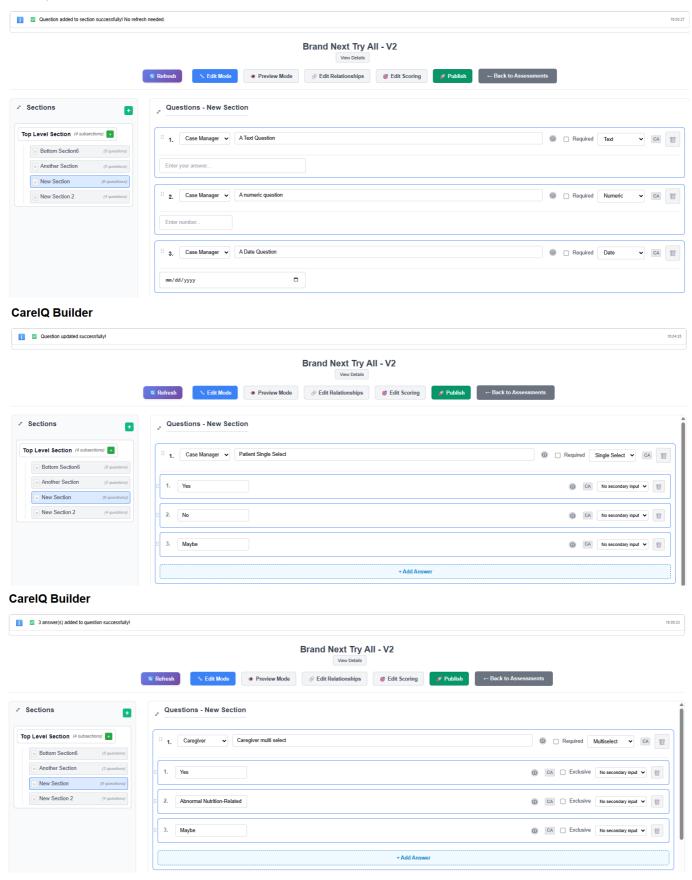
- Label/Text: The question displayed to users
- Type: How the question is answered
- Voice: Who asks or answers the question
- **Answers**: Available response options (for select-type questions)
- **Tooltip**: Optional help text for clarification

Question Types

CarelQ Builder supports five question types:

Туре	Description	User Interface	Use Case
Single Select	Choose one option	Radio buttons	"What is your age range?"
Multiselect	Choose multiple options	Checkboxes	"Select all symptoms that apply"
Free Text	Open-ended response	Text input field	"Please describe your symptoms"
Numeric	Number input	Number field	"How many medications do you take?"
Date	Date selection	Date picker	"When was your last visit?"

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Question Voice

The voice indicates who asks or answers the question:

Case Manager: Questions asked by care coordinators

- Caregiver: Questions directed to family members or caregivers
- Patient: Questions answered directly by the patient

Creating Questions

Prerequisites

- Assessment must be in Draft status
- Builder must be in Edit mode
- A section must be selected
- You must have appropriate permissions

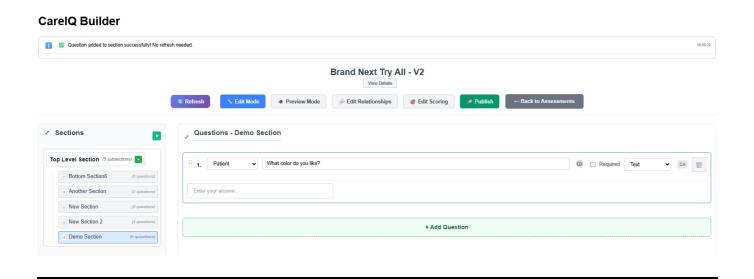
Adding a New Question

1. Select a Section

- Click a section in the left panel
- o The section's questions display in the main area

2. Click Add Question Button

- At the bottom of the questions list
- Click "+ Add Question" button



3. Question Appears

- A new question card appears with default values
- Question label shows placeholder text: "New Question"
- Default type: Single Select
- o Default voice: Case Manager

4. Edit the Question Label

- o Click in the question label field
- Type your question text

5. Select Question Type

- Click the **Type** dropdown
- o Choose from: Single Select, Multiselect, Free Text, Numeric, Date
- The answer section updates based on type

6. Select Question Voice

- Click the **Voice** dropdown
- o Choose: Case Manager, Caregiver, or Patient
- Voice is saved automatically

7. Add Answers (for Single Select and Multiselect only)

- See "Creating Answers" section below
- o Free Text, Numeric, and Date questions don't have predefined answers

Using Library Questions

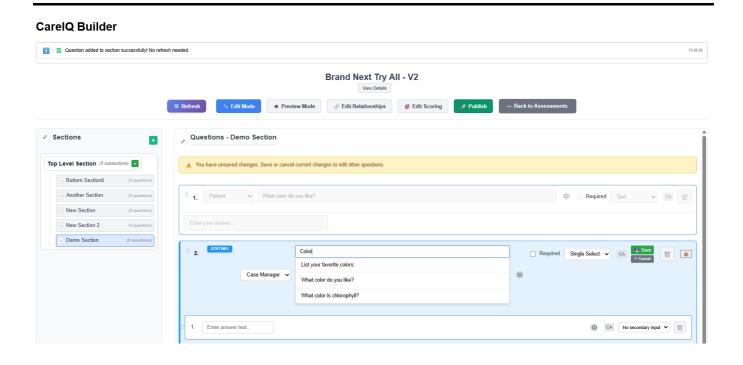
You can search and use pre-built questions from the CarelQ library:

1. Start Editing Question Label

- Click in the question label field
- o A typeahead search activates

2. Type to Search Library

- As you type, matching library questions appear
- Results show question text and metadata



3. Select from Library

- Click a library question from the dropdown
- The question label, type, and voice populate automatically
- Answers may also be pre-populated from library

4. Or Use Custom Question

- Continue typing your custom question
- Press Escape to close the dropdown
- Enter your own question text

Adding Tooltips to Questions

Tooltips provide additional help or clarification:

1. Locate Tooltip Field

- Below or beside the question label
- o Click "Add Tooltip" or in the tooltip input field

2. Enter Tooltip Text

- Type helpful information
- Example: "Include prescription and over-the-counter medications"

3. **Save**

- o Tooltip saves automatically or when question is saved
- o Tooltip appears as an info icon (①) next to question in assessment

Editing Questions

Edit Question Label

Inline Editing

- 1. Click in the question label field
- 2. Edit the text directly
- 3. Changes are tracked (Save/Cancel buttons appear)

Change Question Type

1. Click Type Dropdown

- Locate the question type selector
- Current type is displayed

2. Select New Type

- Choose a different type
- Warning: Changing type may affect answers

3. Impact on Answers

- o Changing from Single Select to Multiselect: Answers remain
- Changing to Free Text/Numeric/Date: Answers may become inapplicable
- o Confirm the change

Change Question Voice

1. Click Voice Dropdown

- Locate the voice selector
- Current voice is displayed

2. Select New Voice

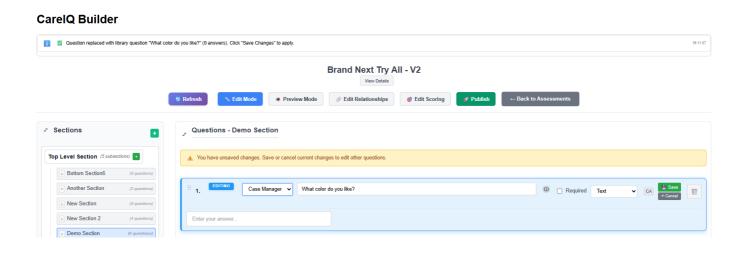
- o Choose: Case Manager, Caregiver, or Patient
- Voice updates immediately

Save Question Changes

After editing a question:

1. Changes Are Tracked

- An "unsaved" indicator appears
- Save and Cancel buttons display



2. Click Save Button

- Saves all changes for this question
- API call updates the backend
- Success message appears
- Save/Cancel buttons disappear

3. Click Cancel Button

Discards all unsaved changes

- Question reverts to previous state
- Save/Cancel buttons disappear

Deleting Questions

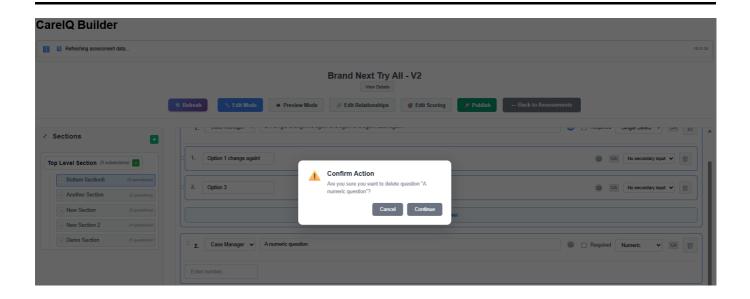
Delete a Question

1. Locate Delete Button

- Find the question to delete
- Look for delete button (trash icon or "Delete" text)

2. Click Delete Button

• A confirmation dialog appears



3. Confirm Deletion

- Dialog message: "Are you sure you want to delete this question?"
- o Warns that all answers will also be deleted
- Click "Delete" to proceed or "Cancel" to abort

4. Question Removed

- Question and all its answers are deleted from backend
- Question disappears from the list
- Success message appears

What Gets Deleted?

When you delete a question:

- The question record is removed
- All associated answers are deleted

- All relationships for those answers are removed
- Any triggered question links are broken
- This action cannot be undone

Moving Questions Between Sections

You can move questions from one section to another:

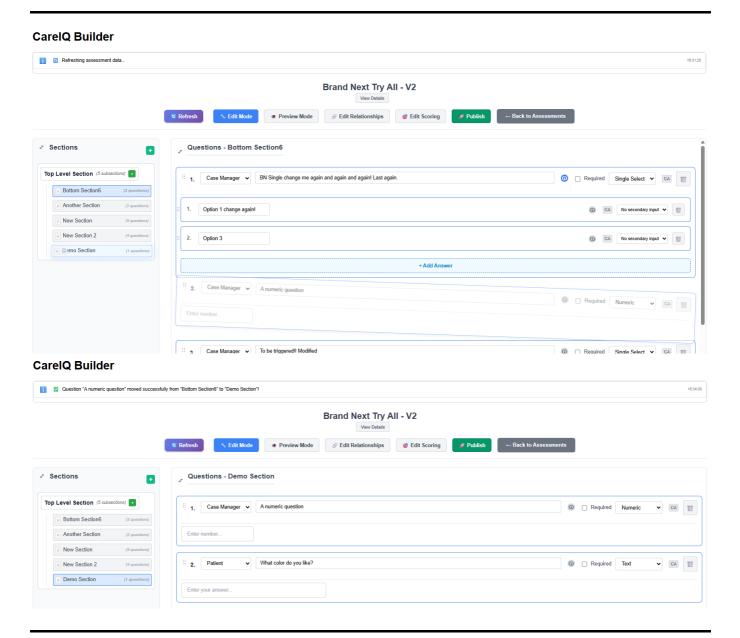
Move a Question

1. Locate the Move Button

- Find the question to move
- Click "Move to Section" or similar button

2. Select Target Section

- A dropdown or modal appears with available sections
- Choose the destination section



3. Confirm Move

- Click "Move" or "Confirm"
- A loading indicator appears

4. Question Moves

- Question is added to the target section
- Question is removed from the current section
- Success message appears

5. Verify Move

- Navigate to the target section
- Confirm the question appears there

Understanding Answers

What Are Answers?

Answers are response options for Single Select and Multiselect questions. Each answer has:

- Label: The text displayed to the user
- Alternative Wording: Optional variations of the answer
- **Tooltip**: Optional help text
- Mutually Exclusive: Flag indicating this answer excludes other options
- Secondary Input: Additional input required when this answer is selected

Secondary Input Types

Some answers require additional information:

Secondary Input Type	Description	Example
None	No additional input	"Yes" or "No"
Text	Free text input	"Other (please specify)"
Date	Date picker	"If yes, when?"
Numeric	Number input	"How many?"

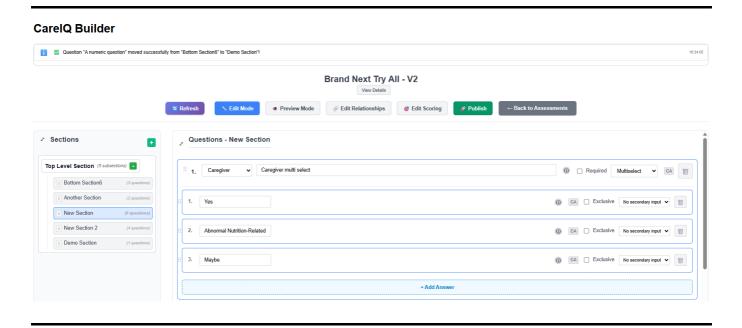
Creating Answers

Prerequisites

- Question must be Single Select or Multiselect type
- Assessment must be in Draft status
- Builder must be in Edit mode

1. Locate Add Answer Button

- o Under the question, in the answers area
- Click "+ Add Answer" button



2. Answer Appears

- A new answer card appears
- o Default label: "New Answer" or placeholder text
- Default settings applied

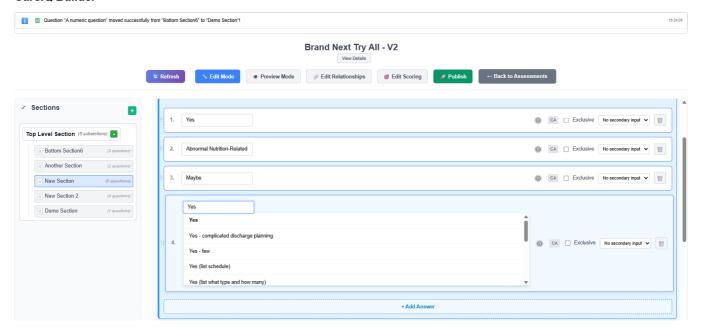
3. Edit Answer Label

- o Click in the answer label field
- Type your answer text
- o Example: "Yes", "No", "18-25 years", "Diabetes"

4. Or Use Library Answer

- As you type, typeahead search activates
- Matching library answers appear
- o Click a library answer to use it
- Or continue with custom text

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5. Configure Answer Options

- Set secondary input type if needed
- Mark as mutually exclusive if applicable
- Add tooltip for clarification

Setting Secondary Input Type

For answers requiring additional information:

1. Locate Secondary Input Dropdown

- Below or beside the answer label
- o Default: None

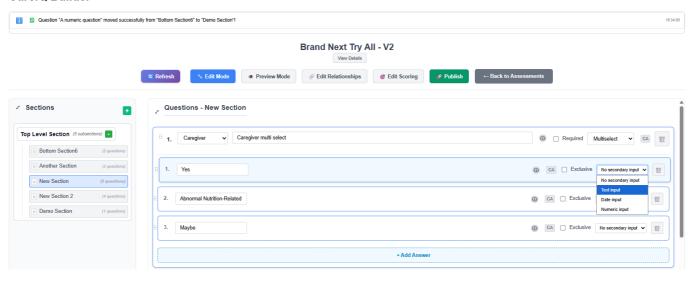
2. Select Input Type

- o None: No additional input required
- **Text**: User can type additional details
- o Date: User must select a date
- o Numeric: User must enter a number

3. Example Use Cases

- \circ "Other (please specify)" \rightarrow Text input
- o "Previous diagnosis (when?)" → Date input
- \circ "Number of hospitalizations" \rightarrow Numeric input

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Marking Mutually Exclusive

Mutually exclusive answers prevent other selections:

1. Locate Mutually Exclusive Checkbox

- o In the answer configuration area
- o Label: "Mutually Exclusive" or similar

2. Check the Box

- Indicates this answer excludes all other options
- o Typically used for "None", "Not Applicable", "Decline to Answer"

3. Behavior

- When user selects this answer, all other answers are deselected
- o Only applies to Multiselect questions
- Example: "None of the above" in a symptom list

Editing Answers

Edit Answer Label

1. Click in Answer Label Field

- Click to activate inline editing
- Or use typeahead to search library

2. Modify Text

- Edit the answer text
- o Or select from library results

3. Save Changes

- Changes are tracked automatically
- Click **Save** button at question level to persist all changes

Add Alternative Wording

Alternative wording provides variations of the answer for different contexts:

1. Locate Alternative Wording Field

- o Below or beside the main answer label
- o May be labeled "Alt Wording" or similar

2. Enter Alternative Text

- Type an alternative phrasing
- Example: Answer "Yes" could have alt wording "Affirmative"

3. Use Cases

- Report generation with different terminology
- Multi-language support
- Clinical vs. patient-friendly language

Add Answer Tooltip

1. Locate Tooltip Field

- o In the answer configuration area
- Click "Add Tooltip" if not visible

2. Enter Tooltip Text

- o Provide clarification or examples
- Example: "Select this if symptoms have lasted more than 3 months"

3. Tooltip Display

- Appears as an info icon next to answer in assessment
- User hovers or clicks to see tooltip text

Deleting Answers

Important: Two-Step Delete Process

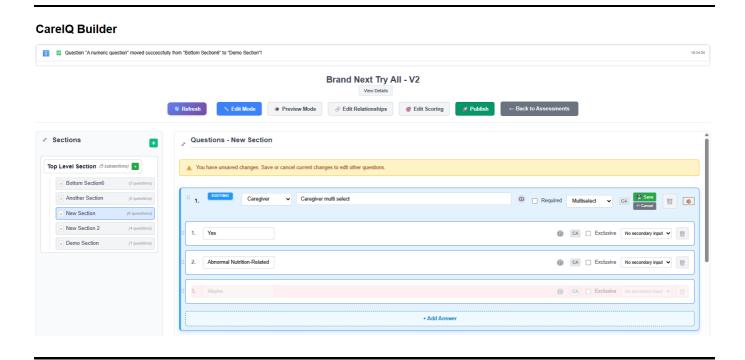
Answer deletion uses a **Save & Delete** pattern:

1. Click Delete Button

- Locate the delete button on the answer
- Click to mark answer for deletion

2. Answer Marked for Deletion

- Answer may show visual indicator (strikethrough, red background, etc.)
- Answer is NOT yet deleted from backend



3. Click Save Button

- At the question level, click "Save" button
- Confirms deletion

4. Or Click Cancel

- Click "Cancel" to undo the deletion
- Answer returns to normal state

5. Deletion Complete

- After clicking Save, answer is removed from backend
- Success message appears
- Answer disappears from list

Why Two-Step Deletion?

- Prevents accidental deletions
- Allows multiple changes before saving
- Groups all modifications into one save operation
- Provides clear undo mechanism

Managing Triggered Questions

What Are Triggered Questions?

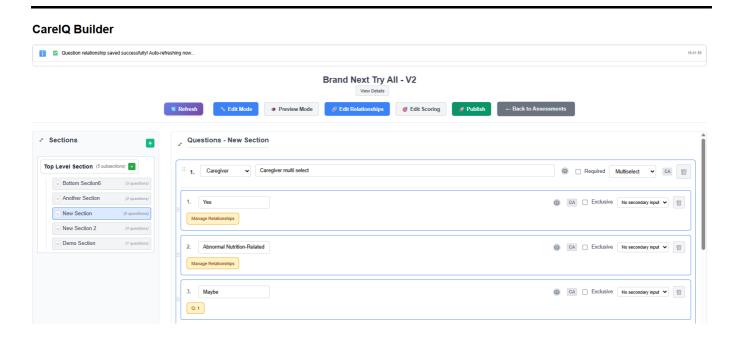
Triggered questions (also called "branch questions") appear only when specific answers are selected. They enable conditional logic in assessments.

Viewing Triggered Questions

Answers with triggered questions show an indicator:

1. Look for Link Icon

- Appears on answer cards
- May show a number (e.g., "2 triggered questions")



2. View Triggered Questions

- Icon shows how many questions are triggered
- Questions appear when answer is selected in Preview mode

Adding Triggered Questions

Adding relationships is covered in the "Relationship Management" section, but here's a quick overview:

- 1. Click the relationship button on an answer
- 2. Navigate to the "Questions" tab
- 3. Search for questions to trigger
- 4. Select and confirm

Removing Triggered Questions

1. Locate Delete Button

- On the triggered question indicator
- o Click the "x" or delete button

2. Confirm Deletion

Confirmation dialog appears

o Click "Delete" to remove relationship

3. Relationship Removed

- Triggered question link is deleted
- Question still exists but is no longer triggered by this answer

Best Practices

Question Writing

Be Clear and Concise

- Use simple language
- Avoid medical jargon unless appropriate for audience
- Example: "Do you have diabetes?" vs. "Have you been diagnosed with diabetes mellitus?"

One Question, One Concept

- Don't combine multiple questions
- Bad: "Do you smoke or drink alcohol?"
- Good: Two separate questions for smoking and alcohol

Use Appropriate Question Types

- Single Select: When only one answer is valid
- Multiselect: When multiple answers apply
- Free Text: When you need detailed, open-ended responses
- Numeric: When collecting measurements or counts
- Date: When timing is important

Answer Writing

Provide Complete Options

- Include all reasonable choices
- Add "Other (please specify)" with text input for unlisted options
- Include "Prefer not to answer" or "Unknown" when appropriate

Use Parallel Structure

- Keep answer formats consistent
- Example: "Daily", "Weekly", "Monthly", "Yearly" (not "Every day", "Once a week", etc.)

Order Answers Logically

- Chronological: "Never", "Former", "Current"
- Numerical: "0-5", "6-10", "11-15", "16+"
- Alphabetical: For long lists of items
- Most to least common: For symptom lists

Voice Selection

Case Manager Voice

- Questions the care coordinator asks
- Administrative or assessment questions
- Example: "What is the patient's primary language?"

Patient Voice

- Questions answered by the patient
- Personal experience and symptoms
- Example: "How would you rate your pain level?"

Caregiver Voice

- · Questions directed to family or caregivers
- Observations about the patient
- Example: "Have you noticed changes in memory or behavior?"

Secondary Inputs

When to Use Text Input

- "Other" options: "Other (please specify)"
- Additional details: "If yes, please describe"

When to Use Date Input

- Timing of events: "If yes, when did this occur?"
- · Historical dates: "Date of diagnosis"

When to Use Numeric Input

- Counts: "How many medications?"
- Measurements: "Weight in pounds"
- Ratings: "On a scale of 1-10"

Mutually Exclusive Answers

Use for:

- "None of the above" in multiselect lists
- "Not applicable" options
- "Decline to answer" choices

Don't use for:

- Regular answer options
- Answers that can logically coexist with others

Common Tasks

Creating a Yes/No Question

1. Add question: "Have you been diagnosed with diabetes?"

2. Set type: Single Select

3. Set voice: Case Manager or Patient

4. Add answer: "Yes"5. Add answer: "No"6. Save question

Creating a Symptom Checklist

1. Add question: "Select all symptoms you are currently experiencing"

2. Set type: Multiselect

3. Set voice: Patient

4. Add answers: "Headache", "Nausea", "Dizziness", "Fatigue", "Other"

5. Set "Other" answer secondary input: Text

6. Add answer: "None of the above"

7. Mark "None of the above" as mutually exclusive

8. Save question

Creating an Age Range Question

1. Add question: "What is your age?"

2. Set type: Single Select

3. Set voice: Patient

4. Add answers: "Under 18", "18-25", "26-35", "36-45", "46-55", "56-65", "66+"

5. Save question

Creating a Free Text Question

1. Add question: "Please describe your current symptoms in detail"

2. Set type: Free Text

3. Set voice: Patient

4. Add tooltip: "Include when symptoms started and any patterns you've noticed"

5. Save question (no answers needed for Free Text)

Creating a Numeric Question

1. Add question: "How many medications are you currently taking?"

2. Set type: Numeric

3. Set voice: Patient

4. Add tooltip: "Include prescription and over-the-counter medications"

5. Save question (no answers needed for Numeric)

Moving a Question to Different Section

- 1. Locate question to move
- 2. Click "Move to Section" button
- 3. Select target section: "Medical History"
- 4. Confirm move
- 5. Navigate to "Medical History" section
- 6. Verify question appears there

Troubleshooting

Cannot Add Question

Possible causes:

- No section selected
- Assessment is Published (not Draft)
- Builder is in Preview mode
- Insufficient permissions

Solutions:

- 1. Click a section in the left panel to select it
- 2. Verify assessment status is "Draft"
- 3. Click "Edit Mode" button
- 4. Contact administrator for permissions

Cannot Save Question Changes

Possible causes:

- Network connection issue
- Invalid question data
- Backend error
- Session timeout

Solutions:

- 1. Check system messages for specific errors
- 2. Verify all required fields are filled
- 3. Try refreshing the page
- 4. Check browser console for errors
- 5. Contact administrator if problem persists

Question Changes Lost After Refresh

Possible causes:

- Didn't click Save button
- Save failed silently
- Network interruption during save

Solutions:

- 1. Always watch for success message after clicking Save
- 2. Don't refresh browser until changes are saved
- 3. Check system messages for errors
- 4. Use stable network connection

Answer Typeahead Not Working

Possible causes:

- Too few characters typed
- No matching library content
- Backend search issue

Solutions:

- 1. Type at least 3 characters
- 2. Try different search terms
- 3. Check connection status
- 4. Create custom answer if library search fails

Cannot Delete Answer

Possible causes:

- Forgot to click Save button after marking for deletion
- Answer has relationships that must be removed first
- Insufficient permissions

Solutions:

- 1. Mark answer for deletion, then click Save at question level
- 2. Remove triggered question relationships first
- 3. Contact administrator for permissions

Triggered Questions Not Appearing in Preview

Possible causes:

- Still in Edit mode (not Preview mode)
- Triggering answer not selected
- Relationship not properly configured

Solutions:

- 1. Click "Preview Mode" button
- 2. Select the answer that should trigger questions
- 3. Verify relationship is configured (see Relationship Management section)
- 4. Check that triggered question is in same assessment

Tips and Tricks

Keyboard Shortcuts

- Tab: Move between fields in question editor
- Enter: Save changes in some fields
- **Escape**: Cancel editing / close dropdown

Copy Question Text

To reuse question text:

- 1. Select and copy question label text
- 2. Add new question
- 3. Paste text and modify as needed

Quick Testing

To quickly test a question:

- 1. Save your changes
- 2. Click "Preview Mode"
- 3. Navigate to the section
- 4. Answer the question
- 5. Verify behavior
- 6. Return to "Edit Mode"

Bulk Answer Creation

For long lists of answers:

- 1. Prepare answers in a text editor
- 2. Copy and paste into each answer field
- 3. Much faster than typing each individually

Next Steps

Now that you understand question and answer management:

- Learn how to create relationships between answers and clinical content
- Explore PGI (Problem-Goal-Intervention) linking

- Test your assessment in Preview mode
- **Publish** your completed assessment