Appendix I: Trainee Participation in Surgery Semi-Structured Interview Guide for Surgeons

Interview Questions:

1. Describe how your surgical trainees are supervised in the OR?
2. How do you determine how much autonomy or supervision to allocate to a trainee?
3. If you didn’t tell the family, do you think most families would be aware that trainees may be performing key or critical components in the OR?
4. How do you cover trainee’s roles during surgery during the consent process?
5. Do you find it difficult to completely open and honest with patients about the role of trainees during surgery?
6. How do you respond when patients directly inquire about the role of trainees in their surgical care?
7. Do you insist that the residents meet the patients prior to operating on them? (ie. The morning of the procedure not necessarily during the initial clinical appointment)
8. Do feel that it is beneficial or detrimental to patients’ well-being to explicitly inform them about the role of trainees in their care prior to surgery? Why?
9. Do you feel that it is beneficial, detrimental or neutral to resident education to inform the patients of the role that trainees play in their intraoperative care? Why?
10. Do you think that the above issues are adequately covered in the informed consent form for surgery that the patient signs?
11. Do you sometimes have some moral angst that you have not more explicitly explained the role of residents in your patient’s operation?
12. Have you ever changed your practices in the OR based on patients’ concerns of having learner involvement?
13. Would you be opposed to a patient education tool that would inform patients/parents of the roles of trainees during surgery that could be accessed via the perioperative website?
14. Is there anything that we did not discuss that you’d like to mention or talk about?