Appendix II: Trainee Participation in Surgery Semi-Structured Interview Guide for Trainees

Interview Questions:

1. Describe how you are supervised in the OR?
2. How much autonomy or supervision should you have as a trainee and how should that be determined?
3. Do you think most families are aware that trainees may be performing key or critical components in the OR?
4. Do you cover your specific role in surgery during the consent process? Does your supervisor?
5. Do you find it difficult to completely open and honest with patients about your role during surgery?
6. How do you respond when patients directly inquire about the role of trainees in their surgical care?
7. Have any of your staff surgeons ever changed their practices in the OR based on patients’/parents’ concerns of having trainee involvement?
8. Do you routinely meet the patients prior to operating on them? (ie. The morning of the procedure not necessarily during the initial clinical appointment)
9. 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?
10. Do you feel that it is beneficial, detrimental or neutral to your education to inform the patients of the role that residents play in their intraoperative care? Why?
11. Do you think that the above issues are adequately covered in the informed consent form for surgery that the patient signs?
12. Do you sometimes have some moral angst that you or your supervisor have not more explicitly explained your role in the patient’s operation?
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?