

Supplementary File 1: Interview guide

Questionnaire for Operating Department Practitioners about Perioperative Patient Safety during COVID-19 pandemic

Data collection method: Telephonic Voice Recording

COVER LETTER

Dear participant,

We are conducting research to understand the challenges faced by you as an integral team member of the surgical unit during COVID-19. We aim to help raise employer and structural support for you in these difficult times and also improve patient safety during surgical procedures in public sector hospitals of Pakistan.

We will be grateful for your consent in participating and your honest and complete answers. No names will be used during dissemination of this study's findings and all confidentiality will be maintained. In addition, no hospital names will be reported in the final findings.

In order to observe physical distancing, we will be conducting this interview on the telephone. Please also give your permission for recording of the telephone interviews, which will be kept confidential and are only to help us transcribe data after the interview.

Thank you for your time,

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Participant consent on recording= ✓

Participant code:

Gender:

City/area:

Age:

Last degree:

Occupation:

Assigned to surgical ward:

Years of service:

Q1. Have you received any training and guidelines for management during COVID-19?

(Kya aap ko covid 19 kay doraan iss sab kay intezaam kay liye koi tarbeeat aur hidayaat mili hain?)

Q2. In the current COVID-19 scenario: What are the problems and challenges faced by the surgical teams?

(Covid 19 ki aalmi waba kay waqt May surgical teamon ko kin masayal aur challenges ka saamna hai?)

Q3. Would you like to share your experiences of any safety risks at work?

(Kya aap ko kisi tarah ki hifazti khataat say agahi hai jinn ka saamna mareezo ya practitioners ko hai?)

Q4. What do you think can be done to avoid violations and medical errors to improve patient safety?

(Aap kay khayal mai hifazati khataat say bachnay kay liye kya kiya ja sakta hai?)