

English Version: Supplementary Questionnaire

Title: Respect for Informed Consent in Surgery in the DRC: Assessment of Practices, Cultural and Systemic Barriers, and Pathways for Ethical Improvement

A. Sociodemographic Information

1. **Age:** _____ (years)

2. **Gender:**

- Male
- Female

3. **Education Level:**

- None
- Primary
- Secondary
- Higher education

4. **Place of Residence:**

- Urban
- Rural

5. **Province of Residence:** (Select one)

<input type="radio"/> Équateur	<input type="radio"/> Mai-Ndombe	<input type="radio"/> Lomami
<input type="radio"/> Sud-Ubangi	<input type="radio"/> Kwilu	<input type="radio"/> Nord-Kivu
<input type="radio"/> Nord-Ubangi	<input type="radio"/> Kwango	<input type="radio"/> Sud-Kivu
<input type="radio"/> Mongala	<input type="radio"/> Tshuapa	<input type="radio"/> Maniema
<input type="radio"/> Bas-Uele	<input type="radio"/> Tshopo	<input type="radio"/> Tanganyika
<input type="radio"/> Haut-Uele	<input type="radio"/> Sankuru	<input type="radio"/> Haut-Katanga
<input type="radio"/> Ituri	<input type="radio"/> Kasaï	<input type="radio"/> Lualaba
<input type="radio"/> Kongo-Central	<input type="radio"/> Kasaï-Oriental	<input type="radio"/> Haut-Lomami
<input type="radio"/> Kinshasa	<input type="radio"/> Kasaï-Central	

B. Consent Experience

Before surgery, did a doctor or nurse explain:

6. The nature of the surgical procedure?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

7. Possible risks?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

8. Alternative treatments to surgery?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

9. Did you receive a consent form to sign or mark (e.g., fingerprint)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

10. (If yes) Was the form in a language you understand?

- Yes
- No
- Partially

11. Did you have time to ask questions before deciding?

- Yes
- No
- A little

12. Who made the final decision for your surgery?

- Yourself alone
- Your family
- The doctor

13. Did you feel pressured to accept the surgery?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

C. Understanding and Satisfaction

14. Did you believe you had the right to refuse surgery?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

15. Do you feel you were adequately informed?

- Yes
- No
- Partially

16. Would you recommend this hospital to a relative?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

D. Open-Ended Question (Optional)

17. What improvements would you suggest in how surgical procedures are explained to patients?
