

Table 1 Background characteristics of the participating physicians from 2 Palestinian hospitals (*n* = 163)

Item	No.	%
<i>Workplace</i>		
Al Makassed hospital	103	63.2
Ramalla government hospital	60	36.8
<i>Sex</i>		
Male	139	85.3
Female	24	14.7
<i>Occupation</i>		
Consultant	71	43.6
Resident	78	47.9
Other	14	8.6
<i>Specialty</i>		
Surgery	30	18.4
Medicine	32	19.6
Paediatrics	22	13.5
Gynaecology	14	8.6
Orthopaedics	14	8.6
Anaesthesia	13	8.0
Emergency	9	5.5
Data missing	29	17.8
<i>Country of medical graduation</i>		
European country/United States	20	12.3
Arab country	71	43.6
Former Soviet Union country	32	19.6
Other	8	4.9
Data missing	32	19.6
<i>Years of clinical practice</i>		
< 5	57	35.0
5-10	52	31.9
11-20	23	14.1
>20	31	19.0