

Appendix 1

Questionnaire

Involvement of specialty trainees in medical research: The experience at a Lebanese medical school

(1) What is your medical specialty?

- Medicine Surgery Pediatrics OBG Family Medicine
 Psychiatry Anesthesia Radiology

(2) What is your year of specialization?

- R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6

(3) Do you think research experience is useful for specialty trainees?

- Yes No It depends to the future medical career

(4) Why do you want to carry out research work?

- You enjoy research
 You want your CV to look better
 It is mandatory to obtain the diploma
 Other

(5) Have you approached anyone about getting involved in research work?

- Yes No

(6) Have you ever been involved in research?

- Before medical graduation? Yes No

If yes, please select and specify the number in brackets:

- Published Paper () Published abstract () Oral Presentation ()
 Poster Presentation () Thesis ()

- During specialty? Yes No

If yes, please select and specify the number in brackets:

- Published Paper () Published abstract () Oral Presentation ()
 Poster Presentation () None ()

(7) If your research work was presented/published, where were you on the list of authors?

- First author Co-author None

(8) Where did you carry out the research work?

- Central Teaching Hospital Peripheral Hospital Other

(9) What specialty or specialties have you undertaken your research work?

- Medicine Surgery Pediatrics OBG Family Medicine
 Psychiatry Anesthesia Radiology

(10) What level in training was the individual who got you involved in research work?

- MD
- MD, MSc
- MD, PhD
- PhD

(11) What part did you play in the research work? (You can choose more than one)

- Conception of the idea
- Design of the research project
- Going through patient notes and collecting data
- Handing out questionnaires
- Lab work
- Analyzing data
- Writing of abstracts
- Designing posters for presentation
(Local / National / International) please circle type of meeting
- Delivering oral presentation
(Local / National / International) please circle type of meeting
- Writing of papers for publication

(12) Have you been frustrated by lack of opportunities available to carry out research work?

(‘1’ = completely disagree, ‘5’ = completely agree) 1 2 3 4 5

(13) What do you think are the main obstacles in getting involved in research work? (Indicate to what extent you agree with the following statements: ‘1’ = completely disagree, ‘5’ = completely agree)

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| Lack of motivation on your behalf | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Lack of competent advisors | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Lack of research carried out in your department | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Lack of interest by the supervisors to get specialty trainees involved in research work | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Lack of time due to other commitments | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Other | |

(14) Do you have any recommendations for increasing specialty trainees’ opportunities for involvement in research?

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(15) Any other comments:

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