

Table 1 Respondents' demographic and practice characteristics (n=268)

General characteristics	Variable	n (%)	
Gender	Male	176 (65.7)	
	Female	92 (34.3)	
Age	Mean (\pm SD)	45.01 \pm (11.647)	
Years of experience	1-5 years	71 (26.5)	
	5-10 years	45 (16.8)	
	>10 years	152 (56.7)	
Practice setting	Hospital-based (private hospital)	172 (64.2)	
	Hospital-based (public/government)	45 (16.8)	
	Academic centre (university hospital)	136 (50.7)	
	Private clinics (yourself only)	122 (45.5)	
	Polyclinic	43 (16.0)	
	Primary health care centre	56 (20.9)	
Physician's position	Attending physician	253 (94.8)	
	Resident/fellow	14 (5.2)	
Specialty	Anaesthesiology	15 (5.6)	
	Radiology	7 (2.6)	
	Obstetrics and gynaecology	23 (8.6)	
	Paediatrics	17 (6.3)	
	Family medicine/GP	40 (14.9)	
	Internal medicine	87 (32.5)	
	General surgery	36 (13.4)	
	Ophthalmology	5 (1.9)	
	Psychiatry	30 (11.2)	
	Laboratory medicine	4 (1.5)	
	Others	4 (1.5)	
	Governate of practice setting	Akkar	8 (3.0)
		Baalbek-Hermel	6 (2.2)
Beirut		159 (59.3)	
Beqaa		13 (4.9)	
Mount Lebanon		89 (33.2)	
North Lebanon		61 (22.8)	
Nabatieh		8 (3.0)	
South Lebanon		17 (6.3)	