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Supplemental Digital Appendix 1

Interview Protocol for Directors / Leaders of Medical Education Units, From a Multi-Site Canadian Study of Health Professions Education Scholarship Unit Leaders and Institutional Logics, 2011–2012 and 2017–2018

Question Set #1:

Questions about the Vision and Mission of your unit.

- A) What is the Vision and Mission of your unit?
- B) Who do you consider to be your major stakeholders?
- C) How do you meet your stakeholders' needs/expectations?

Question Set #2:

Questions about accountability and metrics of performance.

- A) How do you define success for your unit? (e.g., publications / grant funding / national and international reputation / staff retention / successful accreditation of UGME or PGME programs)
- B) How do you report the activities that define the success of your unit to your stakeholders? To the wider community?

Question Set #3:

Questions about the culture of your institution.

- A) Are there rewards for medical education in the Promotions and Tenure process?
- B) To maximize the chances of achieving your vision, do you think the PhDs should:
 - i. Do more or less teaching?
 - ii. Engage in more or less "service" work?
 - iii. Be more or less integrated with clinical departments?
 - iv. Be more or less integrated with basic science departments?

Question Set #4:

Questions about the structure of your unit.

- A) Do you provide "support" for Clinician Educators?
 - i. Consultation/mentoring for individual research programs
 - ii. Career development strategic advice
 - iii. Do you run any kind of "core facility" for project management assistance? e.g., support for submitting an ethics application for medical education research?
 - a. Statistical consulting?
 - b. Qualitative research support?
 - iv. Transcription service?

Question Set #5:

Facilitators/impediments to success

- A) Given the questions above concerning the structure and culture of your unit within your institution, please describe what you think facilitates the success of your unit.
 - Prompts: review the list above.
- B) And what do you think are the local impediments to your success as a unit, if any, in terms of the structure and culture of your unit?

Prompts: review the list above.

Abbreviations: UGME indicates undergraduate medical education; PGME, postgraduate medical education. *Source:* Reprinted with permission from the principal investigator of the previous, larger study from which current data were taken.¹