

A. Demographics

1. In the past year, have you treated patients for treatment of rotator cuff tears? _____
If “No” please STOP and return the survey “as is”
2. Please state your age (years): _____
3. Have you completed a fellowship in sports medicine?
4. Have you completed a fellowship in shoulder surgery?
5. How many years have you been practicing as an orthopedic surgeon (DO NOT include residency): _____
6. Please estimate the average number of total operations you perform (on average) each year: _____
7. Please estimate the number of years performing shoulder arthroscopy (DO NOT include residency): _____
8. Please estimate the average number of shoulder arthroscopies you perform each year: _____
9. Please estimate the average number of rotator cuff repairs you perform each year: _____
10. Which method do you currently employ for primary rotator cuff repair for a 2 cm full thickness tear:
_____Arthroscopic _____Mini-open _____Open
11. Which method do you currently employ for primary rotator cuff repair for a 5 cm massive tear:
_____Arthroscopic _____Mini-open _____Open
12. Do you perform fully arthroscopic rotator cuff repair in your practice? _____
If “Yes,” how many (on average) do you perform each year? _____
If “No” please STOP and return the survey “as is”

B. Training history for fully arthroscopic rotator cuff repair

Please identify all previous training you have undergone (check all that apply) AND rate on the 5-point scale how significant each were in contributing to your training (1 = least significant to 5 = most significant):

1. Residency training: 1 2 3 4 5
2. Sports medicine fellowship training: 1 2 3 4 5
3. Shoulder fellowship training: 1 2 3 4 5
4. Hands-on instructional courses (e.g. Orthopedic Learning Center): 1 2 3 4 5
5. How many hands-on courses? _____
6. Lecturer/didactic-only instructional courses (no cadavers): 1 2 3 4 5
7. How many didactic courses? _____
8. Practice in arthroscopy lab on shoulder models: 1 2 3 4 5
9. How many total hours approximately? _____
10. Practice in arthroscopy lab on cadaver specimen: 1 2 3 4 5
11. How many repairs approximately? _____
12. Assisting colleagues during actual surgery (scrubbing in): 1 2 3 4 5
13. Observation only during actual surgery: 1 2 3 4 5
14. Reading published text material: 1 2 3 4 5
15. Reading industry-sponsored text material/instructional videos/CD-ROM: 1 2 3 4 5
16. Internet resources (e.g. Orthopedic Knowledge Online): 1 2 3 4 5