**Appendix E3 – Miscellaneous comments by respondents to survey questions**

Respondents were asked “Are there characteristics of the practice of neuro-ophthalmology in your nation that you think are an advantage to what you know of the practice of your United States colleagues?” Responses included pointing out that an advantage of equal pay in all ophthalmic specialties was that clinicians could enter the field of neuro-ophthalmology without concern that their choice of discipline negatively impacts their potential compensation. Another respondent pointed out that an advantage of being on a fixed salary was the removal of the perceived need to increase the number of patients that one saw simply to generate more income.

Other responses pointed out that in a national health care model, one does not have issues regarding difficulty accessing procedures because of undervalued payments (e.g. temporal artery biopsies in the United States). Another perceived advantage of a national health care program was the easier access of patients obtaining their health care, and the lack of issues regarding insuring payment from a patient or carrier.

Another response pointed out that in a nation where one did not practice neuro-ophthalmology full-time, there was a positive side, that is, one could take care of a broader range of ophthalmic or neurologic problems in a given patient if one was less specialized.

 Multiple respondents mentioned the lack of a requirement to obtain approval from a supervising authority for needed testing was an advantage that they had in their nation. One respondent pointed out that although their citizens were less litigious, they were becoming more so.

There were few responses to “Are there any other questions that you think I should be asking you?” From Australia, it was pointed out that there were no neuro-ophthalmology training programs anywhere in Australia.

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