

Supplementary Table 2. Surgeon Interview Guide

Construct	Questions
Previous experience	Have you ever been involved in a placebo-controlled clinical trial? (If yes) can you tell me about this?
Knowledge	<p>Can you explain to me what a placebo effect is? What role do you think placebo effect plays in surgery?</p> <p>Are you aware of any placebo controlled trials that have been conducted in orthopaedic surgery?</p> <p>If yes, can you tell me about that trial? (Prompts: What was the purpose? What did it involve? What was the outcome?)</p> <p>If no, can you explain to me what you think a placebo controlled trial in orthopaedic surgery would involve?</p> <p>Can you give me an example of an orthopaedic surgical procedure and talk me through what a placebo procedure would look like? What do you think researchers can learn from a study designed like this?</p> <p>What role do you think placebo trials have in orthopaedic surgery practice?</p>
Attitudes	<p>How do you feel about the concept of placebo trials in orthopaedic surgery?</p> <p>How would you explain a placebo controlled surgical trial to a patient? How do you think your patients would respond to this?</p>
Preferences	<p>Hypothetically, do you think you would ever take part in a placebo surgery controlled trial? Why/why not?</p> <p>Under what conditions might you consider taking part?</p>
Motivation for interview	What motivated you to take part in this interview?