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Appendix A

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Consent and Participation:

We invite you to participate in a research study being done at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Being in this study is optional.

If you choose to be in the study, you will complete a survey. This survey will help us identify the perceived barriers and impact of North American clinical observership programs in pediatric orthopaedics available to international surgeons. The survey will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

Your responses are completely confidential with no personal identifiers unless you choose to participate in an optional online interview to discuss your experiences participating in a North American observership or you would like to be acknowledged for participating in this study in the final manuscript.

You can skip questions that you do not want to answer or stop the survey at any time. We will keep your answers confidential and will not share your personal information with anyone outside the research team to minimize the risk to privacy.

Please answer this survey as frankly as possible. Your responses will not affect your current relationship with your North American observership site. All constructive feedback is welcome.

Before proceeding to the survey, please answer the questions below to provide your consent to participate in this study.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Laura Carrillo at laura.carrillo@ucsf.edu. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, you can call the UCSF Institutional Review Board at 415-476-1814. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,		
Sanjeev Sabharwal, MD MPH Laura Carrillo, BA		

Please confirm that you would like to participate in the study.



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Inclusion/Exclusion:		
I participated in a pediatric orthopaedic observership program in North America (Canada or the United States) in the past 10 years (2009 - 2019) as a practicing surgeon.	YesNo	
Note: Only complete this survey if you were an International Surgeon from a country other than the United States or Canada.		

Please complete this survey based on your experience participating in the North American Observership Program in Pediatric Orthopaedics referenced in your invitation email. If you visited more than one North American host site during the same trip, please provide us your overall impression of your observership experience.

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Demographics:	
1. Sex:	○ Male○ Female
2. What is your current age?	 18-24 years old 25-34 years old 35-44 years old 45-54 years old 55-64 years old 65+ years old
3. What is your current status as a physician? (Check all that apply)	 □ I practice orthopaedic surgery. □ I am retired from active surgical practice. □ I teach medical students, residents, and other trainees. □ I am fully retired from all surgical practice and teaching.
4. What country region do you currently live/work in based on the World Bank region classifications?	 □ East Asia & Pacific □ Europe and Central Asia □ Latin America & Caribbean □ Middle East & North Africa □ North America □ South Asia □ Sub-Saharan Africa



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5a. From which country in East Asia & Pacific, do you	☐ American Samoa
currently live/work in?	☐ Australia
•	☐ Brunei Darussalam
	Cambodia
	☐ China
	☐ Fiji
	☐ French Polynesia
	Guam
	☐ Hong Kong SAR, China
	☐ Indonesia
	☐ Japan
	☐ Kiribati
	☐ Korea, Dem. People's Rep.
	☐ Korea, Rep.
	☐ Lao PDR
	☐ Macao SAR, China
	☐ Malaysia
	☐ Marshall Islands
	☐ Micronesia, Fed. Sts.
	☐ Mongolia
	☐ Myanmar
	☐ Nauru
	☐ New Caledonia
	☐ New Zealand
	☐ Northern Mariana Islands
	☐ Palau
	☐ Philippines
	Samoa
	☐ Singapore
	☐ Solomon Islands
	☐ Taiwan, China
	☐ Thailand
	☐ Timor-Leste
	☐ Papua New Guinea
	☐ Tonga
	☐ Tuvalu
	☐ Vanuatu
	☐ Vietnam
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5b. From which country in Europe & Central Asia, do you currently live/work in? Andorra Armenia Austria Austria Azerbaijan Belarus Belgium Bosnia and Herzegovina Bulgaria Channel Islands Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia France Seorgia Georgia G		
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5c. From which country in Latin America & Caribbean,	☐ Antigua and Barbuda
do you currently live/work in?	Argentina Argentina
•	☐ Aruba
	☐ Bahamas, The
	☐ Barbados
	□ Belize
	☐ Bolivia
	☐ Brazil
	☐ British Virgin Islands
	☐ Cayman Islands
	☐ Chile
	☐ Colombia
	☐ Costa Rica
	Cuba
	Curação
	☐ Dominica
	Dominican Republic
	☐ Ecuador
	☐ El Salvador
	☐ Grenada
	☐ Guatemala
	☐ Guyana
	☐ Haiti
	☐ Honduras
	☐ Jamaica
	Mexico
	☐ Nicaragua
	☐ Panama
	Paraguay
	☐ Peru
	Puerto Rico
	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
	St. Kitts and Nevis
	☐ St. Lucia
	☐ St. Martin (French part)
	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
	Suriname
	☐ Trinidad and Tobago
	☐ Turks and Caicos Islands
	Uruguay
	☐ Venezuela, RB
	☐ Veriezuela, KB

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5d. From which country in Middle East & North Africa, do you currently live/work in?	☐ Algeria ☐ Bahrain ☐ Djibouti ☐ Egypt, Arab Rep. ☐ Iran, Islamic Rep. ☐ Iraq ☐ Israel ☐ Jordan ☐ Kuwait ☐ Lebanon ☐ Libya ☐ Malta ☐ Morocco ☐ Oman ☐ Qatar ☐ Saudi Arabia ☐ Syrian Arab Republic ☐ Tunisia ☐ United Arab Emirates ☐ West Bank and Gaza ☐ Yemen, Rep.
5e. From which country in North America, do you currently live/work in?	☐ Bermuda☐ Canada☐ United States
5f. From which country in South Asia, do you currently live/work in?	☐ Afghanistan ☐ Bangladesh ☐ Bhutan ☐ India ☐ Maldives ☐ Nepal ☐ Pakistan ☐ Sri Lanka

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5g. From which country in Sub-Saharan Africa, do you Angola currently live/work in? Benin Botswana Burkina Faso ☐ Burundi □ Cabo Verde ☐ Cameroon ☐ Central African Republic ☐ Chad Comoros Congo, Dem. Rep. Congo, Rep Côte d'Ivoire Equatorial Guinea ___ Eritrea Ethiopia ☐ Gabon Gambia, The ☐ Ghana ☐ Guinea ☐ Guinea-Bissau ☐ Lesotho ☐ Liberia Madagascar ☐ Mali ☐ Mauritania Namibia ☐ Niger ☐ Nigeria Rwanda ☐ São Tomé and Principe Senegal ☐ Seychelles Sierra Leone Somalia South Africa South Sudan Sudan Swaziland 7 Tanzania Togo Uganda Zambia

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Observership Program information:	
The following questions relate to the observerslin your invitation email, including questions reg	
barriers you faced.	
6. What year did you participate in the observership program?	
7. What type of observership program did you participate in?	☐ Professional Society Observership Program ☐ Academic/Institution Observership Program ☐ Private Practice Observership Program ☐ Other
Other type of observership program (please describe):	
8. Please name the North American host institution(s) and/or observership program that you participated in during that trip.	
9. Approximately how long was your observership?	 Less than 1 week 1 week 2 weeks 3 weeks 4 weeks 5 weeks 6 weeks 7 weeks 8 weeks 9 weeks 10 weeks 11 weeks 12 weeks 12 weeks 17-26 weeks 27-52 weeks More than 52 weeks
10. As an observer, what country region did you apply from based on the World Bank region classifications?	 East Asia & Pacific Europe and Central Asia Latin America & Caribbean Middle East & North Africa South Asia Sub-Saharan Africa



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11a. As an observer, from which country in East Asia & Pacific, did you apply from?	 ○ American Samoa ○ Australia ○ Brunei Darussalam ○ Cambodia ○ China ○ Fiji ○ French Polynesia ○ Guam ○ Hong Kong SAR, China ○ Indonesia
	◯ Japan◯ Kiribati◯ Korea, Dem. People's Rep.◯ Korea, Rep.◯ Lao PDR
	Macao SAR, ChinaMalaysiaMarshall IslandsMicronesia, Fed. Sts.
	✓ Mongolia✓ Myanmar✓ Nauru✓ New Caledonia
	New ZealandNorthern Mariana IslandsPalau
	○ Philippines○ Samoa○ Singapore○ Solomon Islands
	Taiwan, ChinaThailandTimor-Leste
	○ Papua New Guinea○ Tonga○ Tuvalu○ Vanuatu
	○ Vietnam

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11b. As an observer, from which country in Europe & Central Asia, did you apply from?	○ Albania○ Andorra
	Armenia
	Austria
	Azerbaijan
	Belarus
	Belgium
	Bosnia and Herzegovina
	O Bulgaria
	Channel Islands
	○ Croatia
	Cyprus
	Czech Republic
	○ Denmark○ Estonia
	Faroe Islands
	Finland
	France
	○ Georgia
	Germany
	○ Gibraltar
	O Greece
	○ Greenland
	O Hungary
	Iceland
	Ireland
	Isle of Man
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	○ Netherlands
	Norway
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	Russian Federation
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	○ Serbia
	○ Slovak Republic
	○ Slovenia
	○ Spain ○ Sweden
	Switzerland
	○ Tajikistan
	Turkey
	○ Turkmenistan
	○ Ukraine
	United Kingdom
	○ Uzbekistan

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11c. As an observer, from which country in Latin America & Caribbean, did you apply from?	Antigua and BarbudaArgentinaAruba
	Bahamas, The
	○ Barbados
	O Belize
	O Bolivia
	O Brazil
	British Virgin Islands Couman Islands
	○ Cayman Islands ○ Chile
	Colombia
	Costa Rica
	Cuba
	○ Curacao
	O Dominica
	O Dominican Republic
	○ Ecuador
	El Salvador
	O Grenada
	Guatemala
	○ Guyana
	○ Haiti
	Honduras
	Jamaica
	○ Mexico
	Nicaragua
	O Panama
	O Paraguay
	O Peru
	O Puerto Rico O Sint Maarton (Dutch part)
	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)St. Kitts and Nevis
	St. Lucia
	St. Martin (French part)
	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
	Suriname
	Trinidad and Tobago
	Turks and Caicos Islands
	Uruguay
	○ Venezuela, RB
	◯ Virgin Islands (U.S.)

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11d. As an observer, from which country in Middle East & North Africa, did you apply from?	 Algeria Bahrain Djibouti Egypt, Arab Rep. Iran, Islamic Rep. Iraq Israel Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Libya Malta Morocco Oman Qatar Saudi Arabia Syrian Arab Republic Tunisia United Arab Emirates West Bank and Gaza Yemen, Rep.
11e. As an observer, from which country in South Asia, did you apply from?	 Afghanistan Bangladesh Bhutan India Maldives Nepal Pakistan Sri Lanka

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Other (please describe):	Other Other
12. How did you learn about the observership program? (Check all that apply)	Colleague Website/Internet search Newsletter/Magazine Email Announcement Friend/Family member
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Sub-Saharan Africa, did you apply from?) Angola) Benin) Botswana) Burkina Faso) Burundi) Cabo Verde

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13. To what extent did you observership?	experience th	e following l	barriers prior t	o starting you	r	
	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Considerably	A great deal	
a. High Cost	\bigcirc	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	
b. Discouragement from family/friends	0	0	0	0	0	
c. Discouragement from peers	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	
d. Discouragement from supervisors	0	0	0	0	0	
e. Difficulty obtaining visa	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	
f. Difficulty passing health screening/other health issues	0	0	0	0	0	
g. Difficulty finding an observership program	0	0	0	0	0	
h. Difficulty finding a faculty member sponsor	0	0	0	0	0	
i. Difficulty finding housing	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	
j. Other barrier	0	0	\circ	\circ	0	
Other barrier (please describe):						
14. Did you receive any pre-depar from your North American host institution/organization to prepare observership program?			◯ Yes ◯ No			
14a. Which of the following pre-de did the host institution/organization you? (Check all that apply)		[☐ Information reg☐ Information reg☐ around your hos☐ Information reg☐ Information reg	ervership schedule arding the institut arding leisure act st site's town arding housing op arding how to obt	tion/organization ivities to do oportunities	
Other pre-departure information (please describe):					
15. What information would have been helpful prior to your arrival that you did not receive? (Check all that apply)			 □ A web-based orientation □ A program/observership schedule □ Information regarding the institution/organization □ Information regarding leisure activities to do at the host site □ Information regarding housing opportunities □ Information regarding how to obtain a visa □ Information regarding health screening requiremen □ Other 			
Other pre-departure information (please describe):					

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16. To what extent did your host institution/organization provide the following types of support for you during your observership? Considerably Not at all Slightly Moderately A great deal \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc a. Interpreter services \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc b. Financial support (e.g. Stipend) c. Administrative support staff \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc (e.g. Availability of personnel for trouble shooting) d. Academic resources (e.g. Access to library) e. Transportation f. Lodging g. Other support Other support (please describe):

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17. To what extent did you e	xperience the	following	barriers while pa	rticipating ir	n your
observership?					
	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Considerably	A great deal
a. High Cost	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
b. Difficulty adapting to a new health care system	0	0	0	\circ	0
c. Patients were not accepting of my presence	0	\circ	0	0	0
d. Surgeons were unable to fit me into their daily routine	0	\circ	0	0	0
e. Language barriers	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ
f. Cultural barriers	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ
g. Other barrier	\circ	0	0	\circ	\circ
Other barrier (please describe):					
18. What was the most significant be experienced while participating in t					
19. Approximate your total weekly to participate in the observership p dollars. (Please EXCLUDE the initial departure costs to your North Amer this estimation.)	rogram in U.S. arrival and		\$0 \$1-\$500 \$501-\$1,000 \$1,001-\$1,500 \$1,501-\$2,000 \$2,001-\$2,500 \$2,501-\$3,000 \$3,001-\$3,500 \$3,501-\$4,000 \$4,001-\$4,500 \$4,501-\$5,000 \$5,001-\$5,500 \$5,501-\$6,000 \$6,001-\$10,000 More than \$10,000	0	
20. Approximate your total out-of-p participate in the entire observersh U.S. dollars. (Please INCLUDE the in and departure costs to your North A in this estimation.)	ip program in itial arrival	e	\$0 \$1-\$500 \$501-\$1,000 \$1,001-\$1,500 \$1,501-\$2,000 \$2,001-\$2,500 \$2,501-\$3,000 \$3,001-\$3,500 \$3,501-\$4,000 \$4,001-\$4,500 \$4,501-\$5,000 \$5,001-\$5,500 \$5,501-\$6,000 \$6,001-\$10,000 More than \$10,000	0	

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Other activity (please describe):

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23. Please rate the following aspects of your overall observership experience.									
	Poor	Below average	Average	Above average	Excellent				
a. Orthopaedic knowledge of the North American doctors	0	0	0	0	0				
b. Cultural competence of the North American doctors	0	0	0	0	0				
c. Organization of the observership program	0	0	0	0	0				
d. Duration of the observership program	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	\circ				



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Perceived Im	pact and	Outcomes	of the	Observership	Program:

The following questions relate to the impact and outcomes of your participation in a North American observership program.

24. Of the knowledge gained from the observership, to what extent have you been able to incorporate any of the following skills you gained into your practice?

	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Considerably	A great deal	Not Applicable
a. New treatment protocols	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
b. Diagnostic skills	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ
c. Operative skills	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. Patient education strategies	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
e. Clinical decision-making	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
f. Teaching skills	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
g. Conducting research	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
h. Cultural competency skills	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
i. Presentation skills	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
j. Other skill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other new skill (please describe):						
24a. Please explain why you have incorporate any knowledge gained observership program into your progr	d from the	0				

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25. To what extent did you	experience th	e following l	parriers upon r	eturning from	your
observership that prevente	d you from im	plementing	changes to you	ır practice?	
	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Considerably	A great deal
a. Government/hospital lack of funding	0	0	0	0	0
b. Lack of equipment	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. Lack of appropriately trained support staff	0	0	0	0	0
d. Excessive work load	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
e. Patient/family's inability to afford treatment	0	\circ	0	0	0
f. Patient/family's reluctance to accept suggested treatment	0	0	0	0	0
g. Discouragement from friends/family	\circ	0	0	0	0
h. Discouragement from peers	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ
i. Discouragement from supervisors	0	0	0	0	0
j. Other barrier	0	\circ	\circ	0	0
Other barrier (please describe):					
26. Following the observership, in continued to interact with your facthe observership institution/organ all that apply)	culty sponsor or	you [etc. Clinical consult Research project Return visit to t institution/orgar Hosted individu institution/orgar Continued parti	regarding patient its he observership nization als from your obs nization cipation in scient m your institution nued to interact webservership	servership ific meetings /organization
Other way you have continued to					

Please review your answer to number 26 above, as there is an inconsistency with your response.

interact (please describe):

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h. Improve your socioeconomic

standing

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27. To what extent has the observership program helped you in any way achieve the following? Not at all Slightly Moderately Considerably A great deal \bigcirc a. Improve patient care \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc b. Receive a promotion to a higher academic rank or leadership position \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc c. Participate in a research presentation \bigcirc \bigcirc d. Publish research in a peer-reviewed journal e. Write a book chapter f. Become a member of a professional society g. Get elected to a leadership position in a professional society

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28. Please rate the following statements as they apply to your perceptions of the impact/outcomes of participating in an observership program in North America on you.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. I formed relationships with the residents/faculty at my North American observership site that will be beneficial to me professionally.	0	0	0	0	0
b. I gained relevant orthopaedic knowledge.	0	0	0	0	0
c. I gained relevant surgical skills d. I improved my cultural competence	0	0	0	0	0



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29. Please rate the following statements as they apply to your perceptions of the impact/outcomes of participating in an observership program in North America on the North American partners.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. The North American partners gained relevant orthopaedic knowledge from me.	0	0	0	0	0
b. The North American partners gained relevant surgical skills from me.	0	0	0	0	0
c. The North American partners improved their cultural competence.	0	0	0	0	0
d. My presence interfered with the delivery of clinical care by the North American partners.	0	0	0	0	0
e. My presence enhanced the delivery of clinical care by the North American partners.	0	0	0	0	0
30. Since you have returned, approximately how many orthopaedic surgeons/trainees have you shared the knowledge/skills that you gained from your observership program?			 ○ I have not shared with others. ○ 1-10 ○ 11-20 ○ 21-30 ○ 31-40 ○ 41-50 ○ 51-100 ○ Other amount 	I the knowledg	e/skills I gained
Other amount (please describe):					
31. What was the most significant American observership had on you					
32. My North American host instituexamined the quality/outcomes of program by obtaining my feedback	their observershi		○ Yes ○ No		
33. Have you encouraged other international surgeons to apply for an observership experience in North America?		ons	○ Yes ○ No		
33a. If not, explain why:					
34. What is the single most import would like to see in the observersh participated in?					

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Additional Comments:	
35. Do you have any other suggestions for how the observership program could be improved? Is there anything else that you would like to share with us about your observership experience?	
36. Other than the observership program referenced in your invitation email, have you participated in any additional observership programs in North America?	Yes No
36a. How many other North American observerships?	
Acknowledgement for Participation:	
37. We appreciate your time completing this survey. Would you like to be acknowledged in the peer-reviewed publication for participating in this study?	○ Yes ○ No
Optional Follow-Up Interview:	
38. Would you be willing to participate in a web-based/video interview to further discuss your experiences?	○ Yes ○ No
Please provide the following:	
Your Name:	
	(First and Last Name)
Your Email Address:	
Your Phone Number:	



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