



Appendix

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Integrating maternity leave into specialist training: experience of trainees and recently graduated RANZCOG Fellows

Online appendix: Summary of survey questions

Part A

1. Age
2. Sex
3. If you are a trainee, what is your current level of training?
4. If you are a Fellow, how many years since you were elevated to Fellowship?
5. Have you ever felt inconvenienced by another trainee in the program taking leave from the same service? If yes, what was the nature of this inconvenience e.g. need to work extra shifts, unexpected roster change or service allocation, changes to agreed recreation leave?
6. Do you have any suggestions for improving the current training system/making it more flexible so that women (and men) are able to take periods of maternity/parental leave ?
7. Have you taken maternity leave during training? (women)

Part B (for women who had taken maternity leave)

8. If you have taken maternity leave during training, on how many occasions have you done so?
9. For each occasion you have taken maternity leave, at what year of training were you?
10. For each occasion on which you took maternity leave, how long was your leave?
11. For each occasion, was leave granted automatically upon application to the employing authority/training supervisor?
12. Have you experienced negative comments regarding combining training and maternity leave from:
Employers? Other employees? Consultants/supervisors? Other trainees? Others?
13. Have you ever been questioned about your intentions regarding future pregnancy in the course of interviews for training posts by either employers/training supervisors/college representatives?