Appendix A: Questionnaire

Demographics

1. In which country do you practice?
2. What healthcare setting do you currently work within?
   (a) Academic hospital
   (b) Non-academic hospital
   (c) Private practice
   (d) Other (please explain)
3. What is your current position?
   (a) Resident / Fellow (in training)
   (b) Consultant
   (c) Other (please explain)
4. What is your age?
   (a) < 30 years
   (b) 30–39 years
   (c) 40–49 years
   (d) 50–59 years
   (e) 60–69 years
   (f) > 69 years
5. What is your specialization?
   (a) No specialization
   (b) Neonatal surgery
   (c) Pediatric oncology surgery
   (d) Pediatric gastrointestinal surgery
   (e) Pediatric cardiothoracic surgery
   (f) Other (please explain)
6. How many years of working experience do you have in pediatric surgery?
7. By estimation, how many children in your practice are morbidly obese?
   (a) 0 - 5%
   (b) 6–20%
   (c) 21–40%
   (d) 41–60%
   (e) 61–80%
   (f) 81–100%

National Practice

8. Is bariatric surgery in children (<18 years) permitted by the health authorities of your country?
   (a) Yes
   (b) No
   (c) I don’t know
   (d) Other (please explain)
9. Are there national clinical standards for bariatric surgery in children (<18 years) in your country?
   (a) Yes
   (b) No
   (c) I don’t know
   (d) Other (please explain)
10. Do the national clinical standards regarding bariatric surgery in children (<18 years) use any restrictions regarding:
   (a) Age?
   (b) BMI?
   (c) Presence of comorbidity?
11. In how many hospitals in your country is bariatric surgery in children (<18 years) performed?
   (a) 0
   (b) 1–2
   (c) 3–5
   (d) > 5
   (e) I don’t know
12. If performed in your country, is bariatric surgery in children (<18 years) done as:
   (a) Part of an adult bariatric program?
   (b) Separate pediatric bariatric program?
   (c) Other (please explain)

Individual Practice

13. Is bariatric surgery in children (<18 years) performed in your institution?
   (a) By yourself?
   (b) By your colleagues (pediatric surgeons)?
   (c) By the bariatric surgeons of your institution?
   (d) Other (please explain)
14. Which of the following procedures are performed in your institution in children (<18 years)?
   (a) Gastric band?
   (b) Sleeve gastrectomy?
   (c) Roux-and-Y gastric bypass?
   (d) Other (please explain)
15. If bariatric procedures in children (<18 years) are performed at your institution, how is the reimbursement of the costs arranged?
   (a) Health insurance
   (b) Institution
   (c) Patient
   (d) Combination of the above
   (e) Other (please explain)

Personal Opinion

1. 16. Do you think that bariatric surgery may offer a valuable contribution to obtain substantial long-term weight loss in morbidly obese children (<18 years)?
   (a) Yes
   (b) No
   (c) I don’t know
2. 17. Do you think that bariatric surgery in children (<18 years) should be performed by pediatric surgeons or bariatric surgeons?
3. 18. If you would perform bariatric surgery in children (<18 years), would you keep any restrictions regarding:
   (a) Age?
   (b) BMI?
   (c) Presence of comorbidity?
   (d) I would not perform bariatric surgery in children

   (a) Pediatric surgeons
   (b) Bariatric surgeons
   (c) By both surgeons cooperating
   (d) By either pediatric or bariatric surgeons
   (e) By none of the above
   (f) Other (please explain)