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Uncertainty in medicine – draft semi-structured interview guide

This interview will be about uncertainty in medicine.

- When I say ‘uncertainty in clinical practice’, what first springs to mind?
- When you think about uncertainty, what do you think it entails?
- Can you tell us a little about some situations at work where you have felt uncertain?
- I would like to hear if you have any reflections on how uncertainty affects what you do.
- How does uncertainty make you feel?
- Uncertainty can be caused by various factors. How does it affect you if you know that the uncertainty cannot be reduced? How does it affect you if you suspect you should have known more?
- Has uncertainty sometimes made you wonder if you are a good enough doctor? How does that make you feel?
- Do you have strategies that help you feel secure even when there is a lot of uncertainty? What kind of strategies?
- Do you feel vulnerable when you are uncertain? If so, how does this manifest itself?
- If a colleague reveals to you that she/he struggles with all situations that entail uncertainty in her/his work, what would you think of her/him? How would you respond? What would you suggest to her/him?