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Dear Ed:

I received a fax of the questionnaire for spine care and have made some suggestions. I'll return my revisions with this letter.

First, I'll address the 'Non-Academic' draft. I would break item 2 down to read less than 25%, 25-50%, 50-75%, and greater than 75%. I would have the stem read: Spine cases (operated and non-operated) account for the following percent of my practice. I would move item 5 'My spinal practice...' up to follow number 2 and renumber item 5 as item 3. I would then renumber item 3 as 4 and item 4 ('I practice...') as 5. Under item 7, I would emphasize or underline the word "with" for highlighting purposes, and similarly, in item 8, I would highlight the word "without." In Item 9, I would rephrase the stem to read: "The extent of spinal training I received in my residency was:". Under item 11, I would put an asterisk after the word "surgery" and then in a footnote qualify what this question means, and the footnote would read: "**What this question asks is, would you let your partner or associate off for a period of time (e.g., six months) to take advantage of a fellowship? And further, would you be able to take off for a period of time?" Then have item 11 divided into two parts. One would read partner (associate), and under this a yes/no blank. Then a yourself: category and under this a yes/no blank.

Now, the 'Academic'. I see very few changes here. I would change the second part of item 6 to the more generic "Does he/she..."

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I think this is a very good survey. I think that you've favorably really stirred the waters with this task force, and I'm hearing more and more comments about the things to come from your committee. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



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