

The survey is to investigate the present status of the visiting scholar program in surgery departments from various institutes in Korea. The following questionnaire will ask a series of questions about your experiences and opinions about our visiting scholar program. The information that you provide will remain strictly confidential. We do not collect your personal information about your identity. Please click the link below. It may take 5-10 minutes to answer the simple questions.

1. Sex
 - 1) M 2) F
2. Age
 - 1) 20-29 2) 30-39 3) 40-49 4) 50-59 5) 60-65 6) Others__
3. What is your position in the institute of your country?
 - 1) Professor 2) Staff 3) Private Surgeon 4) Fellow 5) Resident 6) Intern 7) Student 8) Others
4. What is your sub-specialty? (You can choose more than one)
 - 1) General 2) Hepatobiliary & Pancreas 3) Upper Gastrointestinal 4) Lower Gastrointestinal
 - 5) Endocrine or Breast 6) Vascular 7) Transplantation 8) Pediatric 9) Trauma 10) Hernia
 - 11) Others____
5. How long do you have experiences after getting the license of surgical specialty? (years)
 - 1) 0-4 2) 5-9 3) 10-14 4) 15-19 5) 20-24 6) 25-29 7) 30- 8) Others____
6. Are you going to stay here with your family during the visiting periods?
 - 1) Yes 2) No
7. What is your visiting institution's name in Korea?
8. What is your division now visiting in Korea? (You can choose more than one)
 - 1) General 2) Hepatobiliary & Pancreas 3) Upper Gastrointestinal 4) Lower Gastrointestinal
 - 5) Endocrine or Breast 6) Vascular 7) Transplantation 8) Pediatric 9) Trauma 10) Hernia
 - 11) Others____
9. How long do you stay in Korea? (Please write the total duration of your visiting periods)
10. What is your funding source for visiting program?
 - 1) Your institute 2) Your government 3) Korean institute 4) Korean government 5) Private resource
 - 6) Others __ (If you select others, please write down the name of program)

Supplementary Fig. 1. A questionnaire for international medical visiting scholars.

11. What is your main role in visiting program in Koera? (You can choose more than one)
 - 1) Observation in outpatient clinic
 - 2) Observation in surgery
 - 3) Participation in surgery (Assistant)
 - 4) Patient care
 - 5) Clinical research
 - 6) Basic research
 - 7) Others__

12. If you chose more than one at question number 9, please write down the percentage of your work in visiting program
 - 1) Observation in outpatient clinic __%
 - 2) Observation in surgery __%
 - 3) Participation in surgery (Assistant) __%
 - 4) Patient care __%
 - 5) Clinical research __%
 - 6) Basic research __%
 - 7) Others__%

13. Why did you choose Korea and institute you are now in for your visiting scholar program?

14. How did you become interested in the Korea and institute you are now in for your visiting scholar program?
 - 1) International conference
 - 2) SCI(E) Journal
 - 3) Internet (ex. YouTube)
 - 4) Exchanging program
 - 5) Friends or Colleagues
 - 6) Others____

15. What is the impression about surgery in Korea?

16. Do you satisfy the visiting scholar program of your institute in Korea?
 - 1) Yes
 - 2) No

17. Would you please explain why you chose yes or no in the question number 15?

18. Will you recommend your institute in Korea for visiting scholar program to another doctor in your country?
 - 1) Yes
 - 2) No

19. Why did you choose yes or no in the question number 17?

20. What is the most inconvenient thing during your visiting scholar program in Korea?
 - 1) Language
 - 2) Food
 - 3) Accommodation
 - 4) Cost of living
 - 5) Transportation
 - 6) Weather
 - 7) Others__

21. Please write down any comment or opinion for improving the visiting scholar program in Korea or your institute

If you have any questions about the survey, please fill free to contact us to surgery1947@gmail.com

Thank you for your kindness and spending the time to answer the questions.

Supplementary Fig. 1. Continued.