

## Supplementary Material

**Table S1.** Number of responses.

Country of Employment? n (%)			
Albania	3 (0.3)	Liechtenstein	1 (0.1)
Austria	32 (3.4)	Lithuania	8 (0.9)
Belarus	2 (0.2)	Luxembourg	4 (0.4)
Belgium	27 (2.9)	Malta	6 (0.6)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 (0.5)	Moldova	3 (0.3)
Bulgaria	8 (0.9)	Monaco	1 (0.1)
Croatia	26 (2.8)	Netherlands	50 (5.4)
Cyprus	4 (0.4)	Macedonia	3 (0.3)
Czechia	10 (1.1)	Norway	8 (0.9)
Denmark	11 (1.2)	Poland	19 (2.0)
Estonia	4 (0.4)	Portugal	56 (6.0)
Finland	12 (1.3)	Romania	31 (3.3)
France	24 (2.6)	Russia	12 (1.3)
Georgia	2 (0.2)	Serbia	14 (1.5)
Germany	132 (14.2)	Slovakia	8 (0.9)
Greece	45 (4.8)	Slovenia	14 (1.5)
Hungary	8 (0.9)	Spain	73 (7.8)
Iceland	1 (0.1)	Sweden	43 (4.6)
Ireland	18 (1.9)	Switzerland	65 (7.0)
Israel	6 (0.6)	Turkey	23 (2.5)
Italy	40 (4.3)	Ukraine	7 (0.8)
Kazakhstan	2 (0.2)	United Kingdom (UK)	44 (4.7)
Kosovo	3 (0.3)	Uzbekistan	2 (0.2)
Latvia	10 (1.1)		

**Table S2.** Questionnaire items.

Overall	n (%)
Do you need to obtain written Informed consent for elective surgery due to legal requirements from both parents or just from one (simple procedures, low risk patients)?	
<i>Always both</i>	92 (14.2)
<i>Different</i>	53 (8.2)
<i>Just the one, who is present</i>	502 (77.6)
Do you need to obtain written Informed consent for elective surgery due to legal requirements from both parents or just from one (complex procedures, higher risk patients)?	
<i>Always both parents</i>	167 (25.7)
<i>Different</i>	68 (10.5)
<i>Just the one, who is present</i>	415 (63.8)
Do you know if it is legally allowed to obtain informed consent from the parent/caregiver via Internet or telephone?	
<i>Different</i>	63 (9.8)
<i>No</i>	432 (67.3)
<i>Yes</i>	147 (22.9)
When ensuring a certain guideline, which may include i.e. specific appointment (time and date) for the interview, secure data protected online service, asking if there is a relaxed environment without distraction,	

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parents' explicit agreement in online or telephone interview. Would this be an alternative to personal face-to-face meetings?	
<i>Different</i>	52 (7.6)
<i>No</i>	222 (32.3)
<i>Yes</i>	414 (60.2)
In case of personal presence of the parent/caregiver do you routinely check the identity or legal responsibility of the parent/caregiver (i.e. ID card)	
<i>Different</i>	29 (4.5)
<i>No</i>	423 (65.6)
<i>Yes</i>	193 (29.9)
Do you think it is necessary to verify the identity of the parent/guardian (i.e. ID card)	
<i>Different</i>	49 (7.6)
<i>No</i>	234 (36.3)
<i>Yes</i>	362 (56.1)
What are your major concerns about online or telephone interviews?	
<i>Lack of contact</i>	632 (26.8)
<i>Can't observe behavior</i>	504 (21.4)
<i>No relationship</i>	396 (21.4)
<i>No confidence (missing doctor-patient relationship)</i>	264 (16.8)
<i>Legal requirements</i>	268 (11.3)
<i>Unsure if illegal</i>	291 (12.3)
What could be a major advantage of online/telephone interviews?	
<i>Less stressful</i>	308 (23.1)
<i>Less waiting</i>	470 (35.3)
<i>Standardized questionnaires</i>	224 (16.8)
<i>More efficient than face-to-face</i>	327 (24.6)

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