

APPENDIX C

INTERVIEW GUIDES

Interview Guide (Medical Students PBL)

Background

What did you do before you came on the course?

What is your first degree?

How has your previous education helped you on a medical course?

Has your previous education helped in any way to think like a doctor?

How does your previous education help to talk about the PBL cases?

What, if any, previous clinical experience have you had? How has this helped you on this course?

How does it help you to talk about the PBL cases?

Early PBLs

Can you remember when you first started PBLs? Can you walk me through what it was like?

What were the difficulties in working your way through to a diagnosis and treatment plan?

What did it feel like?

How did the students relate to each other?

What was the tutor like and the relationship between the group and the tutor?

Current PBLs

Can you walk me through a recent PBL? What did it feel like? How did the students relate to each other?

When you are taking part in the groups, do you ever have to justify a line of thought? How easy or difficult is this?

How are disagreements resolved?

What kinds of things have you learned from the other members of the group?

Running PBLs

Can you tell me about the last time you were the student presenter? Can you walk me through the session?

How much guidance did you need to give the other students? How much help was the tutor?

Relating PBLs to practice

Can you tell me about a recent patient you assessed? Can you walk me through the experience? Can you remember what it was like the first time you took a history and examined a real patient? Can you walk me through that? How do PBLs help you to present real cases to senior doctors (eg long cases)?

General Questions

How much follow-up/preparation is needed for the PBLs?

What have you learned about clinical decision making from these groups? **OR** How has the experience of working in the group helped you when you are working alone?

Are the PBLs helping you to be a better clinician?

How useful do you find tutors now?

If we were to employ you as a consultant to improve the PBL experience what advice could you give?

OR What do you think are the strengths and weaknesses of the groups/PBL approach?

OR If you were asked to help set up a similar group elsewhere, what advice could you give?

OR What "dos" and "don'ts" could you list?

Interview Guide (Clinic Staff)

Background

How long have you worked here?

What did you do before you worked in this clinic?

How did you come to be working here?

How has your previous experience helped you to adjust to working here?

Early Clinic Experience

Can you remember when you first started attending clinical meetings? Can you walk me through what it was like?

What were the difficulties you faced in adjusting to the multidisciplinary style?

What did it feel like?

What kind of jargon did you have to learn in order to participate?

Current multidisciplinary meetings

Can you walk me through a recent clinical meeting? What did it feel like? How do the different professions relate to each other?

When you are taking part in the groups, do you ever have to justify a line of thought? How easy or difficult is this?

How are disagreements resolved?

What kinds of things have you learned from the group process?

What kinds of things have you learned from the other members of the group?

What use do you make of questionnaires?

What have you learned about clinical reasoning and team work from ADAPT?

What skills do you want newcomers to acquire?

General Questions

How has the multidisciplinary approach changed the way you think through clinical cases?

What have you learned about clinical decision making from these groups?

How does the experience of working in the group help you when you are working alone?

Is the multidisciplinary approach helping you to be a better clinician?

After the clinical meetings what is it like to discuss the group's findings with the patient? Can you give a concrete example?

If we were to employ you as a consultant to improve the multidisciplinary approach what advice could you give?

What do you think are the strengths and weaknesses of the multidisciplinary approach?

If you were asked to help set up a similar clinic elsewhere, what advice could you give?

What "dos" and "don'ts" could you list?