SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Section 2.1 – Interview questions

Sample questions to be utilized in the participant interviews:

Can you please take me through the questions you asked your patient?

More specifically, I am interested in the sequence of questions you used: can you explain how this sequence unfolded?

Can you walk me through the process that went on in your mind during the consultation?

Can you explain why you asked specific questions regarding the patient's sensations/sleep/pain/mood?

I would like to understand, in your own language, the concepts that help you to frame your questions. Can you guide me through this process?

You asked your patient some very specific questions regarding his/her symptoms. Can you explain the reasons why these questions were particularly important? How did they help to facilitate your understanding of the patient?

Can you describe how you made sense of your patient's response?

If you could explain the steps, walk me through your thoughts so as I can understand how you were thinking …

I noticed you utilized a number of books during the consultation. Can you explain what you were investigating? Why was this important?
I observed you were using a software program on your laptop during the consultation. Can you explain how this helped in your thinking, questioning or decision making?

If we go back to the beginning of the interview with your patient, can you please explain why you asked the patient to elaborate regarding his/her symptoms?