**Supplementary file 1**

**Interview guide used for the 18 French university hospitals surveyed**

1. **The nature of the institution**
   1. How many short-stay beds (acute care) are there at your institution?
   2. What are the most representative medical specialties of your institution?
2. **Activities relating to innovative medical devices**
   1. How would you define an innovative medical device (MD)?
   2. Which medical specialties provide the largest numbers of requests for innovative MDs?
   3. How many of the MDs purchased by your institution each year could be considered to be innovative?
   4. How often do you receive requests for innovative MDs?
3. **The technology assessment and decision-making processes**
   1. Please describe briefly the technology evaluation and purchasing process.
   2. Is everyone at your institution familiar with this process? Yes No
   3. Please specify:
      1. Who requests a new MD?
      2. Who evaluates the request?
      3. Who decides?
   4. How often does the local medical device committee (or equivalent) meet?
   5. How long is does the entire process (technology evaluation + purchasing) take?
   6. In your view, what are the limitations of this overall process?
4. **The methodology for technology assessment**
   1. Please specify how innovative medical devices are evaluated at your institution.
   2. Are requests made on a form?

Yes No

* 1. Is there a HTA unit or equivalent?

Yes No

* 1. How long does the evaluation process take?
  2. What types of medical information (clinical data) are used for the evaluation?
  3. What types of economic information (medical-economic data) are used for the evaluation?
     1. What sources are used for the medical-economic evaluation?
     2. Have you heard of the following HTA entities?
        1. *Comité d’Evaluation et de Diffusion des Innovations Technologiques* (CEDIT)

Yes No

* + - 1. International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment (INAHTA)

Yes No

* + - 1. European Network for Health Technology Assessment (EUnetHTA) Yes No
      2. National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) Yes No
    1. Have you heard of Mini-HTA?

Yes No

* + 1. Do you use any specific decision-making tools (check-list, form etc.)?

Yes No

1. **Factors likely to influence decisions**
   1. In your view, which factors influence the final decision to purchase the MD?
   2. In your view, does previous MD evaluation influence the final decision?
2. **Suggested improvements to the current process**
   1. In an ideal world, how should the technology evaluation and purchasing process be organized?
   2. What do you think about the coordination of MD evaluation activities across university hospitals in France?