Appendix 2. Summary of professional and personal characteristics in the PPC study questionnaire

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| **Professional**: |
| Type of provider (MD, RN, NP, other) |
| For MD: |
| -Fellowship training and/or Board certification in Hospice and Palliative Medicine |
| Years as PPC provider |
| Years as provider in any other discipline |
| Number of PPC providers at respondent’s institution |
| Activities on day of survey |
| Most recent clinical experience |
| Number of months on PPC clinical service in a calendar year |
| Length of typical clinical service block |
| Number of “on calls” per calendar month |
| Number of patients on PPC service under respondent’s care |
| Longest consecutive period of patient care responsibility |
| Most recent: |
| -PPC consult to assist with decision-making for a family with a child facing end-of-life decisions |
| -Participation in decision to remove a child’s life-prolonging or life-sustaining therapies/technology |
| -Participation in decision to not to introduce further life-prolonging or life-sustaining therapies |
| -Death of a patient directly under care of respondent |
| -Team members when the above activities are performed |
| Formal training in breaking difficult medical news, palliative care, end-of-life decision making, bereavement counseling, and/or self-care |

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| **Personal**: |
| Source of current feelings of distress (e.g. clinical situation, physical work environment, co-workers, personal health concerns) |
| Self-care activities when participant is distressed (e.g. exercise, creative arts, pray/mediate, talk about distressing issues, socialize with friends/family) |
| If the participant talks about distressing issues, who s/he confides in |
| Frequency of feeling “physically exhausted” in the 2 weeks prior to survey |
| Frequency of feeling “emotionally depleted” in the 2 weeks prior to survey |
| Prior personal history of trauma, specifically recent loss of loved one, survivor of life-threatening illness, domestic or criminal violence, natural disaster, war, or terrorist attack |
| Gender |
| Race (U.S. census designation) |
| Members of household (spouse/partner, children, other relatives, roommate, live alone) |

Abbreviations: PPC, pediatric palliative care