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