**Appendix**

Opinion poll on tonsillectomy gowning. A 30-second survey!

As recognition of climate change increases, so too does the need for healthcare professionals to practice healthcare sustainably. Surgery is a major contributor to the large environmental impact of healthcare, demanding urgent attention. Patient safety and care must always come first, but the environmental impact of each intervention must also be carefully considered. The surgical gown is a physical barrier that can reduce bacterial load but can also protect against blood-borne viruses and shedding of forearm hair. We wish to review the current UK practice of wearing surgical gowns during tonsillectomy.

1. What technique of tonsillectomy do you most commonly use?
2. Do you wear a sterile surgical gown for tonsillectomy?

Yes

No

If yes, why?

1. Do you think it is essential to wear a sterile surgical gown during tonsillectomy?

Yes

No

1. Would you consider wearing a re-usable gown (re-sterilised between use) for tonsillectomy?

Yes

No

1. Which of the following would be your preferred choice to wear for a tonsillectomy?

Sterile gloves only

Re-usable sterile gown + sterile gloves

Single-use sterile gown + sterile gloves

1. Are you concerned about the threat of climate change?

Yes

No

1. What is your current level?

Consultant

Associate Specialist

ST7/ST8/Post-CCT Fellow

ST5/ST6

ST3/ST4

Non-training SPR

SHO-level

1. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Other (specify)

Do you have any other comments?