Title: Setting the scene for Perioperative Medicine in Ireland: a survey of the attitudes, beliefs and current practice of anaesthesiologists.

1. Please select the grade at which you currently work? (one answer only)

- Consultant
- SAT 1-2
- SAT 3-6
- NCHD
- Other (please specify)

2. When do you think anaesthesiologist's involvement in the care of the surgical patient should start? (Please mark all that apply)

- When the patient is referred to the surgical outpatient clinic
- When the decision to operate is made
- At the preoperative assessment clinic
- On the day of admission for surgery
- In the anaesthetic room
- Other (please specify)

3. When do you think the anaesthesiologist's involvement in the care of the surgical patient should end? (Please mark all that apply)

- In the recovery room
- At a fixed point after surgery (e.g. 24 hours, day 3 etc)
- Once there are no acute clinical issues
- Once the patient is discharged from hospital
- Other (please specify)

4. What do you consider to be the key components of perioperative care? (Please mark all that apply)

- Preoperative assessment
- Quantification of perioperative risk
- Identification of co-morbidity
- Identification of geriatric syndromes (e.g. frailty, cognitive impairment)
- Medical optimisation (e.g. treatment of anaemia, diabetes, heart failure)

- Anaesthetic planning
- Assessment of capacity to consent to procedure
- Taking consent for anaesthesia
- Taking consent for surgical procedure
- Anaesthetising the patient
- Management of postoperative medical complications
- Discharge planning
- Longer term post discharge follow-up of postoperative complications (e.g. delirium, acute kidney injury)
- Other (please specify)

5. At the hospital where you currently work, do you have a clinical lead for preoperative assessment?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

6. At the hospital where you currently work, what staff routinely works in the preoperative assessment clinic?

- Nurse
- Nurse and NCHD
- NCHD only
- Nurse and consultant anaesthesiologist
- Dedicated session for consultant anaesthesiologist
- Not sure
- Other

7. Who do you think should make up the team that delivers perioperative medicine? (Please mark all that apply)

- Anaesthesiologist
- Intensivist
- Medicine for the Elderly specialist
- Organ specific physicians
- Nurse / Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Other (please specify)

8. What speciality should have clinical governance over the perioperative medicine service?

- Anaesthesiology
- Critical Care Medicine
- Acute Medicine (e.g on-call medical team)
- Medicine for the Elderly
- Other (please specify)

9. Anaesthesiologists are being asked to increase their input into perioperative services. We have listed some factors that may be seen as barriers to anaesthesiologists delivering a perioperative medicine service. Please select all that you feel apply.

- Anaesthesiologists do not want to practice perioperative medicine
- Increased input by anaesthesiologists into the perioperative pathway will not affect patient outcomes
- Anaesthesiologists lack sufficient training to deliver perioperative medicine
- Physicians are better placed to deliver perioperative medicine
- Surgical teams are reluctant to allow increased input by anaesthesiologists into perioperative services
- There are not enough anaesthesiologists to allow this additional job role
- There is a lack of evidence to show that it improves patient outcomes

10. In your last week at work, how many times did you visit a postoperative patient (other than to advise on pain management issues)?

- I didn't see any postoperative patients on the ward in the last week
- Once
- 2-4 times
- 5-7 times
- ≥7 times

11. In your last week at work, if you visited a postoperative patient, please indicate why. (free text)

12. Please indicate your current location of clinical practice.

- South/South West Hospital Group
- RCSI Hospital Group
- Ireland East Hospital Group
- Dublin Midlands Hospital Group
- Children's Hospital Group
- Saolta Hospital Group
- University of Limerick Hospital Group
- Other (Please specify)