

Supplementary Appendix A: The Public Health Sector of Mauritius: Knowledge of and Attitudes Toward Hearing Loss Among Primary Care Physicians

Section A: Demographics

1. **Type of physician**

- General Practitioner Pediatrician
 ENT Specialist Medical Specialist
 Other specialty (please specify): _____

2. **What is your practice setting? [Tick all that apply]**

- Area Health Centre Community Health Centre Medi-clinic Hospital Other (please specify):

3. **For how long (years) have you been in practice?**

- Less than 5 5-9 10 or more

4. **In which department are you currently based?**

- Pediatrics Neuro Casualty Medical ENT
 Other (please specify): _____

Section B: Knowledge of hearing loss

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements.

1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neutral/Not sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree

	Questions	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Treatment exists to manage hearing loss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Hearing loss can be identified at any given age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. **According to you, which professional(s) is/are responsible for hearing assessment? [Tick all that apply]**

- General Practitioner ENT specialist
 Audiologist Other (please specify):

8. **Hearing assessments (Select only one option)**

- Are not invasive and can be performed at any age
 Are reliable and precise at the time the central nervous system reaches maturation
 Are invasive, but give precise information at any age

9. Please list all the hearing tests, which in your opinion, are used for assessing hearing sensitivity in newborns and children.

10. Please list all the hearing tests, which in your opinion, are used for assessing hearing sensitivity in adults.

Section C: Attitudes toward hearing loss

	Questions	1	2	3	4	5
11.	Hearing loss is a condition that can become extremely debilitating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Hearing plays an important role in the acquisition of the speech and language of a child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Suspicion of hearing loss is a strong enough reason for referral by an individual, parent or caregiver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	It is essential to do hearing screening for newborns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	Whenever necessary, hearing aids can be fitted to children of at any age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.	Would like to receive additional information on hearing loss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*** End of questionnaire ***

Thank you for your time and response.