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Willingness to Pay: A Survey of Patient's Willingness to Contribute to the Cost of Robotic Thoracic Surgery

1. Demographics

- a. Age at Surgery: _____
- b. Gender: 1. Male; 2. Female
- c. Ethnicity: 1. Caucasian; 2. Non-Caucasian
- d. Education Level: 1. Elementary School; 2. High School; 3. College; 4. University Undergraduate; 5. University Graduate; 6. Professional School; 7. Prefer not to Answer
- e. Annual Income at the Time of Surgery: 1. \$0 to \$19,999; 2. \$20,000 to \$39,999; 3. \$40,000 to \$59,999; 4. \$60,000 to \$79,999; 5. \$80,000 to \$99,999; 6. \$100,000 or more; 7. Prefer not to Answer
- f. Insurance at the Time of Surgery: 1. Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP); 2. Private; 3. Both OHIP and Private; 4. No Insurance

2. Please rate your overall experience with robotic surgery.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Poor			Moderate				Excellent		

3. Please rate your experience with the wait time for your robotic surgery.

Too short	Short	Adequate	Long	Too long
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4. Please rate your overall post-operative experience in the hospital.

Very unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
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5. Please rate your overall post-operative experience after discharge from the hospital.

Very unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
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6. Robotic thoracic surgery costs an additional \$2,000 that the government does not fund. In case research funding was not available, would you have paid \$2,000 for your robotic surgery?

- Yes
 No

If "Yes," move onto Question #7.

b) If no, how much would you have been willing to pay for the robotic surgery?

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- \$0
- \$1-\$499
- \$500-\$999
- \$1,000-\$1,499
- \$1,500-\$1,999

7. Standard robotic surgery has a wait time of approximately 3-4 weeks. Would you have paid to shorten your wait time for robotic surgery?

- Yes
 - No
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