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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Interview Schedule for Early Medical Women in New Zealand (EMWoNZ) Project

Informally structured, based loosely around the following domains and accompanying questions:

Early life & Growing Up

Date of birth of yourself/your relative?

E.g. Where did you/your loved one grow up?

What was your/their early life like?

What led you to go to Medical School? How old were you? Did you have any vision of your life in medicine at that stage?

What year did you enrol at university?

What year did you enrol in medicine?

Where did you do your matriculation?

Medical school

E.g. Describe your/their experience of medical school.

What were the challenges of going through medical school?

Are there any significant experiences that happened while at medical school?

Where did you live? How did you pay for your university and personal costs? What are your best and worst memories of medical school? How were you and other women treated by the men in your class? Were you separated off for any subjects? How did other women outside university regard you?

What year did you graduate?

Family life

E.g. Did you/they have a family?

Did you marry? What did your husband think you should do with regard to work after marriage? Did you continue working through pregnancy? How was news of any pregnancy received by your employer? Did you go back to work early/late/not at all after having a child?

Career

E.g. What were the significant challenges you/they found at being an early women doctor in New Zealand?

Did you end up working in the area of medicine you most wanted to work in? Did you ever regret your choice of career?

If you embarked on a speciality, how did you decide what that should be?

What achievement are you most proud of?

Life Goals and Passions

E.g. What were your/their passions in life?

What other areas of your life were you able to develop? Do you have any regrets about missed opportunities?

What advice would you have for any woman embarking on a medical career?

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