

Appendix: interview schedule

- *Explain what a clinical trial is and why it is undertaken in emergency medicine*

Have you ever participated in a clinical trial? If so, tell me what you thought of the experience.

Would you be willing to take part in a clinical trial in any circumstances?

What would be important to you in deciding whether to take part?

- Nature of procedure?
- Course of treatment & follow up appointments?
- Invasiveness?

How do you think you would have responded if you had been asked to take part in a clinical trial when you were brought to hospital?

Do you think you would have had any difficulty understanding the information required to make a decision on whether to take part?

Would you have been willing to sign a written consent form?

How would you feel about providing verbal consent instead of written consent?

How would you feel about only being given limited information when you are asked to take part in a trial and then full information when you are feeling better?

If so, what information is essential and what can be given later?

- Nature of intervention?
- Risks, minor/major?
- Potential benefits?
- Follow up?
- Confidentiality?
- Publication details?
- Contact details?

Imagine that when you came to hospital you were too ill to understand any information or give consent (for example, if you were unconscious). When you came to, how would you feel if you were told the doctors treating you had given

you a trial treatment? Alternatively, how would you feel if the doctors treating you decided not to enter you into a trial even though one was available?

Any other comments or thoughts.

- *Record basic demographic details and educational level*