**The Survey Questions**

**1)** How many years have you been working as a Consultant?

**2)** Do you ever perform bilateral herniotomy in a patient presenting with unilateral hernia?

a) Yes

b) No

If you select ‘Yes’ then proceed to the next question.

Please add any comments in the box below: (100 characters)

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**3)** Which, if any, of the following conditions would lead you to consider performing a bilateral operation?

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|  | Yes (in every case) | Never | Only in combination with other factors |
| Prematurity |  |  |  |
| Female sex |  |  |  |
| Male sex |  |  |  |
| Left sided hernia |  |  |  |
| Presentation with incarceration |  |  |  |
| Contralateral PPV |  |  |  |
| Medical/Anaesthetic co-morbidities |  |  |  |

**4)** If you only consider performing bilateral herniotomy when there is a combination of factors together, then please select those factors from the list below:

a) Prematurity

b) Female sex

c) Male sex

d) Left sided hernia

e) Presentation with hernia incarceration

f) Contralateral PPV

g) Medical/Anaesthetic co-morbidities

**5)** Would you consider laparoscopy through the hernia sac intra-operatively to look for a patent processus vaginalis on the contralateral side?

a) Yes

b) No, although I am able to perform this technique

c) No as I am not familiar with this technique

**6)** If you are performing bilateral surgery, would you consider the laparoscopic approach to herniotomy?

a) Yes

b) No, although I am able to perform this operation

c) No as I am not familiar with laparoscopic herniotomy