Appendix 1: Questionnaire for expert interviews

Which operations do you perform on an outpatient basis (the 5-10 most frequent/important)?

What is the approximate ratio of outpatient to inpatient interventions?

What is the development in this area? Which type of surgery is gaining in case numbers?

What are the crucial differences between inpatient and outpatient surgery? How do the procedures differ?

A large cost item for inpatient interventions are the ward costs, what percentage of the average ward costs are still incurred for outpatient operations (with pre- and post-operative care or similar) [estimate]?

What cost points arise with outpatient interventions that may not exist with inpatient interventions?

Which operators offer the most operating theatre capacity? (Hospitals, operating centres,...?)

How strong is the competition between these providers? (pricing policy; offers...)/What is the relationship between the providers?

What is the average utilisation of the OP capacities without the rentals?/with the rentals?

What are the most important/biggest costs of performing an operation? (What are the costs of the entire operating room provided during an operation?)

What criteria/standards are currently used to calculate the rent for the operating theatre capacities? Which costs are used for this?

What are the most common forms of rent? (e.g. rent per OR type; rent per OR minute; rent for fixed time slots...etc.)

Why are operating theatre rooms rented out? Apart from the economic aspect, what are the motivations for facilities to rent out operating theatre capacities?

What influence does the motivation for renting have on the amount/type of rent?

Which form of rent do you see as the most sensible/practical?

What do you see as the most important challenges in the health market at the moment?

What do you see as the most important changes/developments in the outpatient sector at the moment?