Factors Influencing the Choice of Plastic Surgery as a Specialty in Saudi Arabia Survey

1. Age (Open ended)

2. Gender:
   1) Male
   2) Female

3. Educational Level: (3rd year, 4th year → Preclinical.) (5th year, 6th year → Clinical)
   1) 3rd year
   2) 4th year
   3) 5th year
   4) 6th year
   5) Internship

4. Academic GPA:
   1) <2.5
   2) 2.5-2.99
   3) 3.0-3.49
   4) 3.5 – 3.99
5. Choose from the following, the specialty you are most interested in and will likely pursue as a future career.

1. General surgery (Including its subspecialties such as, thoracic surgery and vascular surgery)
2. Internal medicine
3. Obstetrics and gynecology
4. Pediatrics
5. Anesthesiology
6. Dermatology
7. Emergency medicine
8. Family medicine
9. Preventive medicine
10. Radiology
11. Neurology
12. Orthopedics
13. Otolaryngology
14. Ophthalmology
15. Plastic surgery
16. Psychiatry
17. Radiation
18. Pathology
19. Urology
20. Physical medicine and rehabilitation
21. Undecided
22. Other, please specify______________________

6. The following section mentions different factors. Please specify if each one of these has an influence over your choice of future specialty training:

1. The geographic location of the training centre:
   A. Influential
   B. Not influential

2. Duration of the training:
   A. Influential
   B. Not influential

3. Involvement in community health related activities:
   A. Influential
   B. Not influential

4. Interest in research:
   A. Influential
   B. Not influential

5. Variety of the cases and population character:
   A. Influential
   B. Not influential

6. Having a role-model:
A. Influencial
B. Not influencial

7. Taxing duties and on-calls schedule:
A. Influencial
B. Not influencial

8. Income:
A. Influencial
B. Not influencial

9. More elective cases than emergency:
A. Influencial
B. Not influencial

10. The need for the specialty in the market:
A. Influencial
B. Not influencial

11. Immediate outcome:
A. Influencial
B. Not influencial

12. Personal experience and prior significant life events:
A. Influencial
B. Not influencial

13. Family recommendations:
A. Influencial

B. Not influencial

14. The prestige associated with the specialty:

A. Influencial

B. Not influencial