REB Questions:

2. a) recruitment and consent plan:

The PI, Dr. Adrian James, gave the student a list of names of doctors who have had experience with TEES. The student then contacted these doctors and asked the following:

c) Script for preliminary interviews:

“Hello, my name is Arushri Swarup and I am working with Dr. James from SickKids to develop instruments to improve the use of endoscopic ear surgery. I was wondering if you would be able to comment on your experience of TEES and what are the advantages or disadvantages. I would like to use your comments, which will remain anonymous, to formulate a questionnaire that will be sent out to ear surgeons globally to understand the needs of TEES. You do not have participate in this interview and your comments will remain anonymous. Even if you consent to participate you have the right to not answer individual questions or to withdraw from the study at any time. Your comments, or refusal to provide comments, will in no way affect your professional reputation.”

5.

a) The PI, Dr. Adrian James, is also a study participant. Dr. James’ motivation for doing the research is to make instruments better. Therefore, it would not be advantageous in the study if Dr. James skewed his results as the results aim to capture the current status of endoscopic ear surgery to make better tools. There is also no monetary income as a result of this study so affecting the integrity of the results would not be advantageous in a monetary standpoint.