Supplementary file 1

Recruitment strategies and number of general practitioners recruited for this study

Recruitment strategy	Number of GPs recruited
Snowball sampling	
Direct e-mails or phone calling	**11**
GPs emailing their GP acquaintances	**4**
Probability sampling	
Direct invitation to GP (phone calls were made to 5 GPs in the Paris suburb)	**5**

Supplementary file 2

Topics covered in the semi-structured interview schedule and example questions

Interview Topics	Example Questions
Representation of the social context of a patient	- Could you please introduce yourself and briefly describe the characteristics of your patient list? - What is it like when you first meet a patient? Could you describe a typical first visit? - What information do you want to collect during the first visit?
Difficulties that may rise in consultation	- What do you mean by social context - How easy or difficult do you think it is to take into account the social context of patients in practice? - How can this influence the medical care? - What do you mean by social difficulties?
Adaptations of their practice, and future proposals	- In particular, have you ever found yourself in trouble in caring for a patient with social difficulties? (examples… such as 'without supplementary health insurance'?) - What have you done? - How do you feel about your patients with social difficulties? - What do you think could be done by GPs to help patients with social difficulties? - How well does the environment of the GPs practice meet the needs and expectations of patients (and families)? - In the next future, which perspectives could be proposed to help GPs to take into account the social difficulties of patients in consultation?