

APPENDIX 1. The questionnaire: simple English version

Questions about overall home oxygen prescription

- 1) Have you ever issued a home oxygen therapy prescription?
- 2) Do you know the criteria for issuing an oxygen prescription?
- 3) How many oxygen prescriptions do you issue per month (including both outpatient and inpatient)?

Questions about the prescription in outpatients

- 1) Have you ever issued an oxygen prescription to patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease?
- 2) Have you ever restricted the use of oxygen to patients with an oxygen prescription? When?
- 3) Which tests do you perform when issuing oxygen prescriptions?
- 4) How do you usually prescribe the initial oxygen prescription flow rate and time when issuing an oxygen prescription?
- 5) How do you prescribe oxygen in case of sleep or exercise?

Questions for improving home oxygen therapy services

- 1) Do you re-evaluate your need for home oxygen treatment if you have issued an oxygen prescription? How often do you?
- 2) Do you provide any training materials on home oxygen treatment when issuing oxygen prescriptions? Which training materials do you have?
- 3) Why do you not prescribe home oxygen therapy? If a new policy about home oxygen treatment is developed, are you interested in oxygen therapy?
- 4) Do you think it is necessary to re-assess the need for home oxygen treatment after issuing an oxygen prescription? If you need a re-evaluation, how often do you think you should?
- 5) Do you think that a link with "home nurse service" or changes in the payment standard for home oxygen care will be necessary to activate home oxygen therapy services?

Questions about prescription of borderline hypoxemic state

- 1) Have you ever issued oxygen prescriptions to patients with borderline hypoxemia (oxygen saturation 92 to 93%) who do not meet the criteria for issuing oxygen prescriptions? In what cases did you decide to use oxygen?
- 2) Do you re-evaluate the need for home oxygen therapy if you are issued an oxygen prescription to patients with borderline hypoxemia?

Questions about prescribing home oxygen therapy to patients with acute respiratory distress at discharge

- 1) Have you ever issued an oxygen prescription when an inpatient was discharged? In what cases?
- 2) Have you ever restricted the use of oxygen for discharge patients when issuing oxygen prescriptions? In what case, mainly?
- 3) Do you re-evaluate the need for home oxygen treatment after issuing an oxygen prescription?