Appendix B: Gossip Interview Guide

Demographics:

1. Age:
2. Gender identity:
3. Race:
4. Ethnicity:
5. Marital status:
6. PGY-year:
7. Intended specialty:
8. Medical school state:
9. Residency program state:

Script:

*Let’s first discuss what gossip actually is.*

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “gossip?” (After they provide a definition with explanation). *The literature defines gossip as evaluative talk about an absent third party.*

*Let’s now discuss gossip you have been told.*

1. Please describe two instances of gossip that were shared with you recently. (Typology)

*(The interviewer will decide which of the two instances is more pertinent to the goals of the study) For the purposes of this interview, let’s focus on scenario A/B.*

1. How was it shared with you?
2. Why do you think it was shared with you? (P1, P2, P3)
3. How did you feel after hearing it? (P4, P7, P8)
4. How did you respond? (P4, P7, P8)
5. Describe any other insights you may have into gossip that was shared with you.

*Let’s now discuss gossip you have shared.*

1. Please describe two instances of gossip that you have shared recently. (Typology)

*(The interviewer will decide which of the two instances is more pertinent to the goals of the study.) For the purposes of this interview, let’s focus on scenario A/B.*

1. How did you share it?
2. Why did you share it? (P1, P2, P3)
3. How do you feel after sharing it? (P4, P7, P8)
4. How did the recipient respond? (P4, P7, P8)
5. Describe any other insights you may have about gossip you shared.

\*The P#’s included after certain questions refer to specific components of the attributional gossip model by Lee & Barnes that are being assessed (2021).