Supplementary file 3. Interview guide: providers' perspectives on using Option Grids decision aids

Experiences with Option Grids so far

1. Just thinking about the patient visits in which you used the Option Grid: What was your experience like?

    Probe: How did patients respond to it?

    Probe: Was the conversation different?

2. Did the Option Grid change the conversation between you and the patient?

    If so, what changed?

3. Did it hinder or help the process of decision-making?

    Probe: If yes, did it help you? And how?

    Probe: If yes, do you think is helps the patient? And how?

    Probe: If no, why did it hinder the decision-making process?

4. Did things change over time?

    Probe: Your behavior / your counseling strategies / way of communicating / ....

    Probe: Did you notice any change in how you used the Grid? (learning curve)

5. Is there anything we could change/improve about the Grid?

    Probe: Did you feel comfortable with the content?

    Probe: Is it easy to explain to patients?

Focus on how it fits into workflow or routine care

6. Do you see this working in routine care?

    Probe: If so, how? (organizational aspect of routine care)

    Does it fit in the current workflow?

    If yes, why?

    If not, what is the reason - you think- currently stopping you from using it in routine care?

7. Do you think other clinicians could use it (e.g. nurse, midwife)?

    Probe: Do you think they should?

    Probe: Would it benefit them too?

    Probe: Do you think it is the work of the doctor to use the Option Grid?

8. How would you prefer to use it? *

    Probe: Could this be influenced by the patient you are seeing (e.g. literacy, actual patients' preferences for using the tool)?

    Probe: Do you think this might also depend on the clinical area and decision at stake?

9. How do you think patients prefer using it?

    Probe: Do you give them a choice when introducing the Option Grid (e.g. reading it together; on their own, in the waiting room)?

10. Is it most helpful for patients before, during or after their visit?

    Probe: What exactly do you think is most helpful to them?

    Probe: What was most helpful to you, if anything?