

**Title of Study: Cross-sectional survey of wound healing in skin-bleaching patients from Ghanaian providers' perspective**

Instructions: Please mark one response beside the answer choices provided, unless directed otherwise.

**Demographic**

**What healthcare setting do you currently work within?**

- Academic teaching hospital
- Non-academic public hospital
- Non-academic private hospital
- Other (Please explain):

**What is your specialty?**

- Physician – Surgeon
- Physician – OBGYN
- Physician – Emergency
- Physician – General Practitioner
- Physician – Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse

**How many years of clinical experience do you have?**

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 year
- 5-10 year
- 10+ year

**How many years of clinical experience have been spent in Ghana?**

Less than 1 year

1-5 year

5-10 year

10+ year

**Individual Experience**

**By estimation, how often do you see patients whom you suspect lighten/ bleach their skin?**

0 patients per month, Never

1-2 patients per month, Rarely

3-5 patients per month, Sometimes

5-10 patients per month, Often

10+ patients per month, Very often/ Regularly

**Observed Physical Traits of Skin Bleaching Patients: Please indicate your response to these statements**

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>I don't know</b>	<b>Sometimes/ Often</b>	<b>Always</b>
Patients who skin bleach have fair, yellow or red toned skin					
Patients who skin bleach have large patches of uneven skin tone (dark, light, or red patches)					
Patients who skin bleach have fair skin with dark lips, fingernails, elbows, knuckles, or palms of hands					

Patients who skin bleach have heavily scarred or blemished skin					
Patients who skin bleach have thinner skin (Their hair follicles and veins are often visible)					
Patients who skin bleach have abnormal hair growth or hair loss					
Patients who skin bleach have chronic wounds and sores on their skin					

**Do you ask patients about skin bleaching during patient interview?**

- Yes, routinely with all patients
- Yes, with some patients
- Yes, but only if I suspect skin bleaching
- Yes, but very rarely/ on a case-by-case basis
- No, I never ask

**How do you ask patients about skin bleaching? Check ALL that apply:**

- I directly ask if they have bleached, lightened, or toned their skin
- I ask what products they use to bleach their skin
- I ask how often they use skin bleaching products
- I ask how long they have been using skin bleaching products
- I never ask patients about skin bleaching
- Other (Please explain):

**Skin healing Observations and Opinions: Please indicate your response to these statements**

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>I don't know/ Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
I routinely assess wounds and provide wound care.					
I have noticed a difference in wound healing between surgical patients who skin bleach and those who do not.					
I have noticed a difference in wound healing between non-surgical patients who skin bleach and those who do not.					
Wounds heal more slowly in patients who skin bleach					
Wounds heal more quickly in patients who skin bleach					
Wounds are more prone to infection in patients who skin bleach					
Wounds are more prone to hemorrhage/ excess bleeding in patients who skin bleach					
Surgical wounds are more likely to separate in patients who skin bleach					
Patients who skin bleach require more management of their surgical wounds					
I feel confident monitoring wound healing on a patient who has skin bleached					

(Optional) Please share any additional observations you have made about wound healing in patients who skin bleach (Please PRINT)

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By clicking 'Submit', you fully acknowledge the information in the information sheet and have provided consent for your participation in this survey.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.