Appendix 1: Interview guide CanTest

The interview is conducted to explore value creation stories. As such, not each and every sub-question was relevant during each interview. During the deductive part of the analysis, answers on questions were coded with the framework. In telling about their experiences, participants might mention aspects of value creation already while answering questions on another aspect of value creation.

Read aloud at the beginning of the interview

We have sent you an information letter, with an informed consent form attached. Have you read this information and do you give consent for taking part in this sub-study?

Immediate value. What happened? Things that can be valuable in and of themselves.

Could you give me some examples of meaningful and/or significant interactions with CanTest members in the past year? This could be small, such as receiving a relevant paper from someone, or larger, such as preparing a workshop together or even larger and more long-term such as doing joint research, etc. Could you give me a brief idea on what the interaction consisted of?

Potential value - What did being part of the CanTest network help you get access to?

In what manner did being part of the CanTest network give you access to new skills or knowledge or change your feelings about yourself as a researcher?

Has this interaction changed your understanding of the domain of early diagnosis? Or maybe skills in a specific research method? If yes, how? In what manner has this interaction affected the inspiration for the work you do? In which way has the interaction changed your confidence in your ability to engage in research practice?

How has your participation in the CanTest network transformed your view of how you could develop yourself as a researcher? For example, do you see opportunities for learning and development that you did not see before?

How has being part of the CanTest network changed your social relationships within the research world? (inside and outside CanTest) Have you gained access to new people through the interaction/contact? And do you know them well enough to know what they can contribute to your development as a researcher? Do these changed social relationships help you feel less isolated? If yes, could you tell more?

Do you now have access to new tools, methods, or processes, which you would not have otherwise?

Have you noticed that you or your work has been taken more seriously since you participate in the CanTest network? Did being part of the CanTest network add credibility?

Applied value - How did you use these new resources, ideas, documents, connections in your research practice?

What difference did these new connections, ideas, documents, status* make to your work as a researcher? What behaviours of yourself or others in your research group did it enable? What actions would not have happened otherwise? Where have you used the products/outputs of the CanTest network? Where have you applied the skills you have acquired in the CanTest network? (can be outside the network) Did it assist with accomplishing a task? In what manner? Were you able to engage others who could help you reach your goals? How did you implement an idea or suggestion that you got?

Realized value - What were the outcomes? These questions will only be posed when they have done something with the skill / document / connection

What difference has applying these new skills/ ideas/ documents/ status/ connections* made to your ability to achieve results in your research? Or the ability of others? What aspects of your performance have changed as a result? Could you explain? Have you saved time or achieved something new? Did any of this affect metrics that are used to evaluate your performance in research? For example the number of papers you publish? What has your organization or research group been able to achieve something new / different because of your participation in CanTest network?

Reframing value

Has your participation in the CanTest network changed the way you think about what is important in research about early diagnosis of cancer in primary care?

Has the CanTest network changed your understanding and definition of what matters in doing research in general?