

Surgical Foundations: Foundations EPA #8

Managing postoperative patients with complications

Key Features:

- This EPA may include any of the following complications: post-op fever; low urine output; hypotension; chest pain; shortness of breath; bleeding; delirium; ileus

Assessment plan:

Indirect observation by supervisor with review of clinic note

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Type of complication: post-op fever; low urine output; hypotension; chest pain; shortness of breath; bleeding; delirium; ileus
- Hemodynamic status: stable; unstable

Collect 8 observations of achievement

- At least 4 different complications
- At least 3 assessors

Relevant milestones

- 1 **F ME 1.3.1** Apply clinical and biomedical sciences to manage core patient presentations in surgical practice
- 2 **F ME 1.4.1 Perform focused clinical assessments with recommendations that are well-documented**
- 3 **F ME 1.4.2 Recognize urgent problems that may need the involvement of more experienced colleagues and seek their assistance immediately**
- 4 **F ME 2.2.1 Develop a specific differential diagnosis relevant to the patient's presentation**
- 5 **F ME 2.2.2 Select and/or interpret appropriate investigations and/or imaging with sufficient attention to clinical details**
- 6 **F ME 3.3.1 Consider urgency and potential for deterioration, in advocating for the timely execution of a procedure or therapy**
- 7 **F ME 4.1.1** Coordinate investigation, treatment, and follow-up plans when multiple physicians and healthcare professionals are involved
- 8 **F ME 4.1.2** Ensure follow-up on results of investigation and response to treatment
- 9 **F ME 4.1.5 Implement a post-operative care plan for patients with a complicated post-operative course**
- 10 **F ME 4.1.8** Identify the needs of the patient and appropriately consult other health professionals as indicated
- 11 **F ME 5.1.5** Recognize the occurrence of a patient safety incident
- 12 **F COM 3.1.1** Use strategies to verify and validate the understanding of the patient and family with regard to the diagnosis, prognosis, management plan and/or discharge plan
- 13 **F COM 3.1.2** Plan and discuss appropriate postoperative, immediate and/or long-term care and issues with patients and families as appropriate
- 14 **F COM 3.2.1** Describe the steps in providing disclosure after a patient safety incident

- 15 F COM 5.1.3 Document clinical encounters to adequately convey clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions**
- 16 TD COL 1.1.1** Receive and appropriately respond to input from other health care professionals
- 17 F P 2.2.1 Demonstrate a commitment to patient safety and quality improvement through adherence to institutional policies and procedures, and clinical practice guidelines**