

Surgical Foundations: Foundations EPA #5

Providing patient education and informed consent in preparation for surgical care

Key Features:

- This EPA focuses on the communication that occurs with patients and families to inform and discuss plans for surgical care.
- This EPA may be observed in simulation.

Assessment Plan:

Direct observation by supervisor (surgeon, senior resident or fellow)

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Type of procedure: emergency; elective
- Setting: clinical; simulation

Collect 3 observations of achievement

- At least 1 emergency procedure
- At least 1 elective procedure
- At least 2 in clinical settings
- At least 2 different assessors

CanMEDS Milestones:

- 1 ME 3.2 Describe a proposed surgical care plan to the patient/family, including its risks, expected outcomes and alternative treatments**
- 2 COM 3.1 Convey information about the post-operative care and issues, immediate and long-term, clearly and accurately**
- 3 P 1.1 Disclose the role of surgical learners in the patient's procedure and care**
- 4 COM 3.1 Use plain language and avoid medical jargon**
- 5 COM 3.1 Verify and validate the patient's and/or family's understanding**
- 6 COM 4.3 Answer questions from the patient and/or family**
- 7 COM 4.3 Use communication skills and strategies that help the patient and/or family make informed decisions**
- 8 COM 5.1 Document the consent discussion and its outcome**