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