

Surgical Foundations: Foundations EPA #6

Participating in surgical procedures

Key Features:

- This EPA focuses on foundational technical skills of surgical procedures and participation as a member of the surgical team.
- This includes demonstrating the fundamental aspects of surgical procedures, but does not include performing a procedure independently from start to finish.
- This EPA may be observed in a range of procedures, including those specific to the primary entry surgical specialty as well as others.
- This EPA may be observed in any clinical setting (e.g. emergency department, OR, minor procedures setting).

Assessment Plan:

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

Use Form 2. Form collects information on:

- Role of resident: primary assistant to the operator; secondary assistant to the operator
- Role of observer: surgeon; senior resident; other
- Type or part of procedure (write in):

Collect 4 observations of achievement

- At least 2 by surgeon
- At least 2 different types of procedures
- At least 2 different assessors

CanMEDS Milestones:

- 1 P 1.2** Prepare for the case, reviewing relevant patient information and imaging
- 2 ME 3.4** **Set up, position and drape the patient for the procedure**
- 3 ME 5.2** Participate in the surgical safety checklist or equivalent
- 4 ME 1.3** **Apply knowledge of anatomy, key landmarks, and the surgical procedure**
- 5 ME 3.4** **Use surgical instruments and equipment correctly and in a fluid manner**
- 6 ME 3.4** **Perform safe dissection of relevant structures and tissue layers with gentle tissue handling**
- 7 ME 3.4** Anticipate, recognize and respond to intraoperative challenges
- 8 ME 3.4** Demonstrate intraoperative judgement, fluidity of movement, and forward progression
- 9 COL 1.2** **Provide and/or use operative assistance effectively**
- 10 P 1.1** **Work within personal limits, asking for help as needed**
- 11 COL 1.2** **Work effectively with the OR team**
- 12 COM 5.1** Document the surgical procedure in a complete and timely manner