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