

## Surgical Foundations: Transition to Discipline EPA #2

### Recognizing and initiating early management for critically ill surgical patients

#### Key Features:

- This EPA focuses on the initial approach to a critically ill patient; at this early stage of training, an important feature of this task is recognizing one's own limits and seeking assistance and/or handing over care to ensure safe patient management.
- This EPA may be observed in simulation.

#### Assessment Plan:

Direct observation by supervisor (surgeon, senior surgical assistant, senior resident or fellow) and review of documentation

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Setting: clinical; simulated

Collect 2 observations of achievement

- At least 1 in a clinical setting
- At least 2 different assessors

#### CanMEDS Milestones:

- 1 ME 1.6 Recognize own limits and seek assistance when necessary**
- 2 ME 2.1 Perform initial resuscitation**
- 3 ME 2.2 Elicit a history and perform a physical exam that informs the diagnosis**
- 4 ME 2.2 Develop a differential diagnosis and adjust as new information is obtained**
- 5 ME 2.2 Select necessary initial investigations to assist in diagnosis and management**
- 6 ME 4.1 Identify the potential need for consultation**
- 7 COM 1.2 Mitigate physical barriers to communication to optimize patient comfort, privacy, engagement, and safety**
- 8 COM 2.3 Seek and synthesize relevant information from other sources, which may include the patient's family, hospital records and other health care professionals**
- 9 COL 1.3 Communicate effectively with other physicians and health care professionals**
- 10 S 1.1 Recognize the duality of being a learner as well as a practitioner**
- 11 P 1.1 Consistently prioritize the needs of patients and others to ensure a patient's legitimate needs are met**