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

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