

Surgical Foundations: Transition to Discipline EPA #4

Demonstrating handover technique

Key Features:

- This EPA focuses on the transitions of care that occur between residents and/or at times of patient transfer to another health care setting or location.
- Key aspects of this task include accurate and effective communication as well as professionalism in the use of medical information technology.
- This EPA may be observed in the simulation setting.

Assessment Plan:

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

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Setting: clinical; simulation

Collect 2 observations of achievement

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

CanMEDS Milestones:

- 1 ME 5.2 Use structured handover tools and strategies to enhance patient safety**
- 2 ME 2.1 Identify patients at risk for sudden deterioration in clinical status**
- 3 COL 3.2 Summarize and prioritize patient issues providing rationale for key decisions**
- 4 COL 3.2 Communicate plans for ongoing management of patients, such as outstanding investigations and anticipated events or outcomes**
- 5 COL 3.2 Answer questions from the receiving physician(s) during transitions in care, clarifying issues as needed**
- 6 L 4.3 Use information technology in a manner that improves patient safety, recognizing its limitations and risks to privacy and confidentiality**