

## Department of Medicine, Postgraduate Program – Internal Medicine

### Direct Observations

Direct Observation is an important part of Resident learning and also the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) Accreditation. This process is meant to document Direct Observations as well as provide Residents with an opportunity to receive immediate feedback from Senior Residents, Fellows or Consultants based on various types of interactions with Patients.

### Relevant RCPSC Accreditation Standards

#### *Standard B6: Evaluation of Resident Performance*

2. 1 The program must formally assess knowledge using appropriate written and performance-based assessment as well as direct observation.
- 2.2 Clinical skills must be assessed by direct observation and must be documented.

### Expectations For Residents

1. Residents will use the Micro-Clinical Evaluation Exercise (Micro-CEX) form to document observed encounters. It will be the Resident's responsibility to provide the form to their assessor when are on service.
  - Micro-CEX form are available via one45; you can download the one45 app [here](#) (Apple) or [here](#) (Samsung).
2. It is the responsibility of the Resident to request the completion of the Micro-CEX form from a Senior Resident, Fellow or Consultant. It is always best to request this in advance so an appropriate case/time can be selected.
  - Residents can be observed by anyone who is at least one level higher in training (e.g, Senior Resident can observe a Junior resident, Fellows can observe a Senior or Junior Resident, Faculty can observe anyone).
3. Each Resident must submit a minimum of 13 completed Mini- or Micro-CEX forms per year, one from each rotation.

## **Expectations For Observers (Senior Residents, Fellows, Program Directors, Rotation Coordinators & Consultants)**

1. If there are special instructions within the rotation with respect to the Direct Observations procedure, please provide this information in the Orientation package or Reporting Instructions for Residents.
2. Not every competency must be observed in each encounter. It is understood that encounters may only cover two or three of the competencies. Please rate only the competencies that were observed.
3. If the Rotation Coordinator would like to use the Micro-CEX forms to prepare information for the end of rotation ITER, please let the Education Office know and a report will be provide.

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