

**Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Core EPA #4**

**Performing surgical drainage of deep neck space infections in adult and pediatric patients (JC)**

Key Features:

- This EPA builds on the surgical skills attained in Foundations and includes the incision and drainage of deep neck space infections and neck abscesses.
- This EPA should be achieved at the junior Core stage.

Assessment Plan:

Direct observation by supervisor

Use Form 2. Form collects information on:

- Age group: pediatric; adult
- Trans-oral drainage of retro/para-pharyngeal abscess: yes; no

Collect 2 observations of achievement

CanMEDS Milestones:

- 1 ME 1.4 Knowledge of specific procedural steps: Understands steps of procedure, potential risks, and means to avoid/overcome them**
- 2 ME 3.1 Pre-procedure plan: Gather/assess required information to reach diagnosis and determine correct procedure required**
- 3 ME 3.4 Case preparation: Patient correctly prepared and positioned, understands approach and required instruments, prepared to deal with probable complications**
- 4 ME 3.4 Technical performance: Efficiently performs steps, avoiding pitfalls and respecting soft tissues**
- 5 ME 3.4 Visuospatial skills: 3D spatial orientation and able to position instruments/hardware where intended**
- 6 ME 3.4 Post-procedure plan: Appropriate complete post procedure plan**
- 7 ME 3.4 Efficiency and flow: Obvious planned course of procedure with economy of movement and flow**
- 8 COL 1.3 Professional and effective communication/utilization of staff**