

**Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Core EPA #7**

**Managing pediatric patients presenting with airway obstruction (acute or chronic)  
(JC)**

Key Features:

- This EPA focuses on performing diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures, including suspension microlaryngoscopy, direct rigid laryngoscopy, direct rigid bronchoscopy, and airway foreign body removal.
- This EPA may be observed in simulation.
- This EPA should be achieved at the junior stage of Core.

Assessment Plan:

Direct observation by supervisor

Use Form 2. Form collects information on:

- Patient Age: <3 mos; >3 mos
- Procedure: suspension microlaryngoscopy; direct rigid laryngoscopy; direct rigid bronchoscopy
- Airway foreign body removal: yes; no

Collect 3 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**