

## Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Foundation EPA #6

### Performing primary skin closure: face or neck

#### Key Features:

- This EPA includes the appropriate use of local anesthetic agents, suturing techniques and application of dressings.

#### Assessment Plan:

Direct or indirect observation by supervisor with review of clinic note

Use Form 2. Form collects information on:

- Location: operating room; emergency room; other
- Wound closure technique: primary wound closure; simple advancement; rotation or transposition
- Case complexity: low; medium; high

Collect 4 observations of achievement

- At least 2 primary wound closures

#### CanMEDs Milestones:

- 1 ME 1.1** Demonstrate compassion and a commitment to high-quality care and for patients
- 2 ME 1.4** Apply knowledge of cutaneous anatomy, aesthetic subunits, relaxed skin tension lines and non-distortable landmarks of the face
- 3 ME 2.2** Describe the size, components, and specific characteristics of a wound including special functional and aesthetic considerations
- 4 ME 2.4** Select the most appropriate wound closure option for the wound and patient
- 5 ME 3.2** Obtain informed consent for commonly performed medical and surgical procedures and therapies, under supervision
- 6 ME 3.4** Administer local anesthesia
- 7 ME 3.4** Perform common Oto - HNS procedures in a skilful, fluid, and safe manner with minimal assistance
- 8 ME 3.4** Apply dressings for post-procedure care
- 9 ME 4.1** Implement appropriate wound care and follow-up at the end of each procedure
- 10 COM 1.2** Optimize the physical environment for patient comfort, dignity, privacy, engagement, and safety
- 11 COM 5.1** Document soft tissue defects and closure providing a good description, including diagnosis, progression of healing or deterioration and management plan, including follow up
- 12 COL 3.2** Summarize the patient's issues in the transfer summary, including plans to deal with ongoing issues