

# Entrustable Professional Activities for Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

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*This document applies to residents who have not yet entered the stage containing revised EPAs.*

This document is to be used in conjunction with the *Entrustable Professional Activity User Guide*, which is available on the Royal College's website.

## **Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Transition to Discipline EPA #1**

### **Assessing patients with Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery presentations**

#### Key Features:

- This EPA includes performing a history and examination focusing on the head and neck, synthesizing the case and presenting to supervisor.

#### Assessment Plan:

Direct or indirect observation with review of consult letter by supervisor or delegate

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Type of observation: direct; indirect
- Consult type: emergency; non-emergency
- Domain: facial plastics and reconstructive surgery; head and neck surgery; laryngology; neurotology; otology; pediatric OHNS; sinonasal

Collect 3 observations of achievement

- At least 1 emergency consult
- At least 3 different observers

#### CanMEDs Milestones:

- 1 ME 2.1** Identify the concerns and goals of the patient and family during the encounter
- 2 ME 2.2** Elicit a basic head and neck history
- 3 ME 2.2** Perform a head and neck physical exam
  - **Use of microscope for otoscopy;**
  - **Pneumatic otoscopy;**
  - **Tuning fork tests (Weber and Rinne);**
  - **Use of headlight for anterior rhinoscopy and examination of oral cavity;**
  - **Basic rhinolaryngoscopy;**

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- **Palpation of neck, including thyroid;**
  - **Examination of cranial nerves.**
- 4 ME 2.2 Synthesize patient information including symptoms, differential diagnosis, and treatment plan clearly and concisely**
- 5 ME 2.4** Propose initial management plans for common problems in Oto-HNS
- 6 COM 3.1** Recognize when to seek help in providing clear explanations to the patient and family
- 7 COM 4.1** Conduct an interview, demonstrating cultural awareness
- 8 COM 5.1 Organize information in appropriate sections within an electronic or written medical record**
- 9 COL 2.1** Show respect towards collaborators
- 10 P 1.1** Consistently prioritize the needs of patients and others to ensure a patient's legitimate needs are met
- 11 P 1.1** Demonstrate punctuality
- 12 P 1.1** Complete assigned responsibilities