

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

Coordinating, organizing and executing the surgical day of Core procedures

Key Features:

- This EPA integrates the resident's surgical abilities for individual cases with their abilities to function effectively as a surgeon: managing the day's case load, communicating with operating room staff, supervising junior learners, and collaborating effectively with other health professionals.
- This may include: discussing the overall plan for the day, equipment requirements and special concerns with the OR staff at the beginning of the day; doing the surgical check list, time-out and debriefing for each case; managing specimen handling; communicating with the patient and family after the surgery; supervising junior learners; and completing or delegating entry of post-operative orders and surgical dictations.

Assessment Plan:

Direct observation by supervisor, which may include feedback from nurses and other staff, anesthesiologists, patients and/or families, and/or junior learners

Use Form 1.

Collect 2 observations of achievement

- At least 2 assessors

CanMEDS Milestones:

- 1 P 1.2 Prepare for surgical procedures, reviewing the list of planned operations**
- 2 ME 3.4 Select appropriate materials and equipment for the procedure**
- 3 ME 5.2 Lead the team in the use of the surgical safety checklist**
- 4 ME 3.4 Perform surgical procedures in a skilful and safe manner**
- 5 ME 3.4 Manage unexpected intraoperative findings and perioperative issues, adjusting the procedure as appropriate**
- 6 COL 1.3 Communicate effectively with the operating room team**
- 7 ME 4.1 Establish plans for post-operative care**
- 8 COL 3.2 Transition patient care safely to the post-operative team**
- 9 COM 3.1 Convey information about the procedure, operative findings, and patient status to the family clearly and compassionately**
- 10 S 2.3 Provide junior learners with opportunities for appropriate clinical responsibility**
- 11 COM 5.1 Document surgical procedures in an accurate, complete, and timely manner**