Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Core EPA #15

Assessing and managing patients presenting with a sinonasal mass (SC)

Key Features:
- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: patient assessments and an operative biopsy of a complex nasal mass
- This task includes performing a biopsy and/or subtotal resection of a sinonasal mass with tissue adequacy confirmed by frozen section

Assessment plan:

Part A: Patient assessment
Supervisor does assessment based on direct observation

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:
- Indication for biopsy: yes; no

Collect 2 observations of achievement
- At least one case needing discussion of biopsy

Part B: Procedure
Supervisor does assessment based on direct observation

Use Form 2. (O-score criteria) Form collects information on:
- Procedure: subtotal resection; biopsy

Collect 1 observation of achievement

Relevant milestones (Part A)

1. **C ME 1.4.1** Apply a broad base and depth of knowledge in the basic and clinical sciences relevant to Oto-HNS
2. **C ME 1.4.2** Apply a broad base and depth of knowledge in clinical and biomedical sciences to the medical and surgical management of the breadth of patient presentations in Oto-HNS
3. **C ME 1.4.4** Apply a broad base and depth of knowledge in clinical and biomedical sciences as they apply to the therapeutic techniques/procedures relevant to Oto-HNS
   - Principles of image guidance systems and their application to surgery
4. **C ME 2.1.1** Consider clinical urgency, feasibility, availability of resources, and comorbidities in determining priorities to be addressed during the current encounter or during future visits or with other health care practitioners
5. **C ME 2.2.9** Select and interpret appropriate investigations for any Oto-HNS presentation based on a differential diagnosis
6. **C ME 3.1.3** Integrate planned procedures or therapies into global assessment and management plans
7. **C ME 3.2.2** Use shared decision-making in the consent process, taking risk and uncertainty into consideration
8. **C ME 3.3.2** Triage a procedure or therapy, taking into account clinical urgency, potential for deterioration, and available resources
9. **C COM 3.1.1** Provide information on diagnosis and prognosis in a clear, compassionate, respectful, and objective manner
10. **C COL 1.2.2** Liaise with intersecting health professions