Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Core EPA #21

Assessing and managing patients with disorders of the parathyroid glands (SC)

Key Features:
- This EPA focuses on patient assessment, interpretation of diagnostic imaging and establishment of a management plan which may include a surgical approach
- This EPA does not include the performance of a surgical procedure

Assessment plan:

Supervisor does assessment based on direct or indirect observation

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:
- Type of hyperparathyroidism: primary; secondary
- Localized imaging: positive; non-localizing

Collect 4 observations of achievement
- At least one primary with positive imaging study
- At least one primary with non-localizing imaging study
- At least 2 assessors

Relevant milestones

1. **C ME 1.4.1** Apply a broad base and depth of knowledge in the basic and clinical sciences relevant to Oto-HNS
   - Endocrinologic and metabolic pathophysiology
2. **F ME 1.4.9** Apply the principles of diagnostic imaging
3. **C ME 1.5.1** Perform clinical assessments that address the breadth and depth of issues in each case
4. **C ME 1.7.2** Seek assistance in situations that are complex or new
5. **C ME 2.2.1** Elicit a history, perform a physical exam, select appropriate investigations, and interpret their results for the purpose of diagnosis and management, disease prevention, and health promotion
6. **C ME 2.2.9** Select and interpret appropriate investigations for any Oto-HNS presentation based on a differential diagnosis
7. **C ME 2.3.2** Address the impact of the medical condition on the patient’s ability to pursue life goals and purposes
8. **C ME 2.4.1** Develop, implement, and document management plans that consider all of the patient’s health problems and context in collaboration with patients and their families and, when appropriate, the interprofessional team
9. **C ME 3.1.2** Integrate all sources of information to develop a procedural or therapeutic plan that is safe, patient-centred, and considers the risks and benefits of all approaches
10. **C ME 3.1.3** Integrate planned procedures or therapies into global assessment and management plans
11. **C ME 3.2.1** Obtain informed consent for complex medical and surgical procedures and therapies
12. **C ME 3.2.2** Use shared decision-making in the consent process, taking risk and uncertainty into consideration
13. **C ME 3.3.1** Triage a procedure or therapy, taking into account clinical urgency, potential for deterioration, and available resources
C ME 4.1.1 Coordinate investigation, treatment, and follow-up plans when multiple physicians and healthcare professionals are involved

C ME 4.1.3 Accurately identify situations that necessitate consultation of other health professionals to assist in the management of disorders encountered in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

C COM 2.1.1 Use patient-centred interviewing skills to effectively gather relevant biomedical and psychosocial information

C COM 2.1.2 Integrate, summarize, and present the biopsychosocial information obtained from a patient-centred interview

C COM 2.1.3 Actively listen and respond to patient cues

C COM 3.1.1 Provide information on diagnosis and prognosis in a clear, compassionate, respectful, and objective manner

C COM 4.1.1 Facilitate discussions with the patient and family in a way that is respectful, non-judgmental, and culturally safe

C COM 4.3.1 Use communication skills and strategies that help the patient and family make informed decisions regarding their health

C COM 5.2.2 Communicate effectively using a written health record, electronic medical record, or other digital technology

F COL 1.2.3 Consult as needed with other health care professionals, including but not limited to other physicians or surgeons

C COL 1.2.2 Liaise with intersecting health professions

F COL 1.3.3 Communicate effectively with physicians and other colleagues in the health care professions

C P 1.1.3 Exhibit appropriate professional behaviours and relationships in all aspects of practice, reflecting honesty, integrity, humility, commitment, compassion, respect, altruism, respect for diversity, and maintenance of confidentiality

C P 1.2.1 Demonstrate a commitment to excellence in all aspects of practice