

## Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Core EPA #5

### Providing emergency surgical management for patients with acute airway problems

#### Key Features:

- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: patient assessments and performing procedures (tracheotomy and cricothyroidotomy)
- Performing a cricothyroidotomy may be observed in simulation

#### Assessment plan:

##### Part A: Patient Assessment

Supervisor does assessment based on direct observation

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Etiology: infectious, trauma; other

Collect 4 observations of achievement

##### Part B: Procedure

Supervisor does assessment based on direct observation

Use Form 2. (O-score criteria) Form collects information on:

- Procedure: tracheotomy; cricothyroidotomy
- acuity: acute; non-acute
- setting: clinical; simulation

Collect 4 observations of achievement

- at least 1 tracheotomy
- at least 1 cricothyroidotomy (may be simulation)

#### Relevant milestones (Part A)

- 1 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
- 2 C ME 1.5.1 Perform clinical assessments that address the breadth and depth of issues in each case**
- 3 C ME 1.7.1 Adapt care as the complexity, uncertainty, and ambiguity of the patient's clinical situation evolves**
- 4 C ME 1.7.2 Seek assistance in situations that are complex or new**
- 5 C ME 2.4.2 Recognize and establish a management plan for life threatening or emergent issues**
- 6 C COM 1.6.1** Tailor approaches to decision-making to patient capacity, values, and preferences
- 7 C COL 1.3.1 Provide timely and necessary information to colleagues to enable effective relationship-centered care**
- 8 C P 1.1.1** Manage complex issues while preserving confidentiality