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