

## Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Foundation EPA #1

### Providing initial clinical assessment, investigation and development of a management plan for patients with acute upper airway obstruction

#### Key Features:

- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: patient assessments and performing a procedure (elective tracheostomy: open tracheotomy, percutaneous tracheotomy, cricothyroidotomy)
- The patient assessment aspect of this EPA may include performing a flexible nasopharyngolaryngoscopy

#### Assessment plan:

##### Part A: Patient Assessment

Supervisor does assessment based on direct or indirect observation

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Case scenario: emergent; elective

Collect 1 observations of achievement

- At least one emergent case

##### Part B: Procedure

Supervisor does assessment based on direct observation

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

- Type of procedure: elective tracheostomy; open tracheotomy; percutaneous tracheotomy; cricothyroidotomy
- Setting: clinical; simulation

Collect 3 observations of achievement

- One may be an assessment in simulation (cadaver or task trainer).
- One must be an open tracheotomy

#### Relevant milestones (Part A)

- 1** F ME 1.4.1 Apply knowledge of clinical and biomedical sciences as relevant to Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery
  - Anatomy, pathophysiology and microbiology
- 2** F ME 1.4.9 Apply the principles of diagnostic imaging
- 3** **F ME 1.5.2 Recognize urgent issues that may need the involvement of more senior colleagues and engage them immediately**
- 4** **F ME 2.1.1 Identify and recognize life threatening or emergent issues**
- 5** **F ME 2.2.7 Identify and differentiate normal and abnormal findings in history and physical exam**
- 6** **F ME 2.2.14 Develop a specific differential diagnosis relevant to the patient's presentation, for common Oto-HNS presentations**
- 7** **F ME 2.2.16 Select and interpret laboratory and imaging investigations**
- 8** **F ME 3.3.1 Consider urgency and potential for deterioration in advocating for the timely execution of a procedure or therapy**
- 9** **F ME 3.4.10 Establish and implement a plan for post-procedure care of the listed procedures**

- 10 **F ME 3.4.1.1** Seek advice or supervision as needed when unanticipated findings or changing clinical circumstances are encountered
- 11 **F ME 4.1.1** Ensure follow-up on results of investigation and response to treatment
- 12 **F ME 4.1.2 Recognize need for consultation of other healthcare professionals**
- 13 **F COM 1.2.1** Optimize the physical environment for patient comfort, dignity, privacy, engagement, and safety
- 14 **F COM 1.6.1** Assess patients' decision-making capacity
- 15 **F COM 2.1.1** Conduct a patient-centred interview, gathering all relevant biomedical and psychosocial information for any clinical presentation
- 16 **F COM 2.2.1** Conduct a focused and efficient patient interview, managing the flow of the encounter while being attentive to the patient's cues and responses
- 17 **F COM 2.3.1** Seek and synthesize relevant information from other sources, including the patient's family, with the patient's consent
- 18 **F COM 3.1.1** Use strategies to verify and validate the understanding of the patient and family with regard to the diagnosis, prognosis, and management plan
- 19 **F COM 4.3.1 Answer questions from the patient and family about next steps**
- 20 **F COM 5.1.2** Document information about patients and their medical conditions in a manner that enhances intra-and interprofessional care
- 21 **F COM 5.1.3** Document clinical encounters to adequately convey clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions
- 22 **F COL 1.2.1** Describe the roles and scopes of practice of other health care providers related to Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- 23 **F COL 1.3.1 Identify referral and consultation as opportunities to improve quality of care and patient safety by sharing expertise**
- 24 **F COL 2.1.1** Actively listen to and engage in interactions with collaborators
- 25 **F COL 2.2.2** Communicate clearly and directly to promote understanding, manage differences, and resolve conflicts
- 26 **F COL 2.2.3** Listen to understand and find common ground with collaborators
- 27 **F COL 3.1.1** Identify patients requiring handover to other physicians or health care professionals
- 28 **F HA 1.3.1** Work with the patient and family to identify opportunities for disease prevention, health promotion, and health protection