

Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Foundation EPA #9

Closing soft tissue defects, applying the concept of the reconstructive ladder

Key Features:

- This EPA includes the appropriate use of local anesthetic agents, suturing techniques and application of dressings

Assessment plan:

Supervisor does assessment based on indirect observation with review of clinic note

Use Form 2. Form collects information on:

- Location: operating room; emergency room; other
- Wound closure technique: primary wound closure; split/full thickness skin graft; simple advancement rotation or transposition
- Case complexity: low; medium; high

Collect 4 observations of achievement

- At least 2 each of primary wound closure; split/full thickness graft

Relevant milestones

- 1 F ME 1.1.1** Demonstrate compassion and a commitment to high-quality care and for patients
- 2 F ME 1.4.5 Apply knowledge of cutaneous anatomy, aesthetic subunits, relaxed skin tension lines and non-distortable landmarks of the face**
- 3 F ME 2.2.10 Describe the size, components, and specific characteristics of a wound including special functional and aesthetic considerations**
- 4 F ME 2.4.8 Select the most appropriate wound closure option for the wound and patient**
- 5 F ME 3.2.1** Obtain informed consent for commonly performed medical and surgical procedures and therapies, under supervision
- 6 F ME 3.4.6 Administer local anesthesia**
- 7 F ME 3.4.7 Perform common Oto - HNS procedures in a skillful, fluid, and safe manner with minimal assistance**
- 8 F ME 3.4.9** Apply dressings for post-procedure care
- 9 F ME 4.1.3 Implement appropriate wound care and follow-up at the end of each procedure**
- 10 F COM 1.2.1 Optimize the physical environment for patient comfort, dignity, privacy, engagement, and safety**
- 11 F COM 5.1.5 Document soft tissue defects and closure providing a good description, including but not limited to diagnosis, progression of healing or deterioration and management plan, including follow up**
- 12 F COL 3.2.3** Summarize the patient's issues in the transfer summary, including plans to deal with ongoing issues