Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Core EPA #1

Providing post-operative management

Key Features:
- This EPA focuses on two aspects of post-operative care: the clinical management of delayed complications as well as the aspects of discussing adverse events with patients
- This EPA includes management of patients with delayed complications

Assessment plan:

Supervisor does assessment based on indirect observation

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:
- Domain: rhinology; otology; laryngology; head and neck surgery; facial and plastic surgery
- Complication: yes; no

Collect 3 observations of achievement
- At least 2 domains
- At least 2 patients with a complication
- At least 3 assessors

Relevant milestones:

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 Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
2. **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
3. **C ME 2.2.9** Select and interpret appropriate investigations for any Oto-HNS presentation based on a differential diagnosis
4. **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
5. **C ME 2.4.5** Provide timely and adequate responses to complications and undesired side effects of treatment
6. **C ME 4.1.1** Coordinate investigation, treatment, and follow-up plans when multiple physicians and healthcare professionals are involved
C ME 4.1.2 Establish plans for ongoing care, taking into consideration the patient’s clinical state, circumstances, preferences, and actions, as well as available resources, best practices, and research evidence

C ME 4.1.3 Accurately identify situations that necessitate consultation of other health professionals to assist in the management of disorders encountered in Oto-HNS

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

C COM 3.1.2 Convey information related to the patient’s health status, care, and needs in a timely, honest, and transparent manner

C COM 3.2.1 Communicate the reasons for unanticipated clinical outcomes to patients and disclose patient safety incidents

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

C COL 3.2.1 Organize the handover of care to the most appropriate physician or health care professional

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