Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Foundation EPA #2

Draining a peritonsillar abscess

Key Features:
- This EPA focuses on the technical skills of draining a peritonsillar abscess.

Assessment plan:

Direct observation by supervisor

Use Form 2 (O-score criteria)

Collect 2 observations of achievement

Relevant milestones:

1. **ME 1.4 Knowledge of specific procedural steps: Preprocedure plan:**
   Understands steps of procedure, potential risks, and means to avoid/overcome them
2. **ME 3.1 Preprocedure plan: Gather/assess required information to reach diagnosis and determine correct procedure required**
3. **ME 3.4 Case preparation: Patient correctly prepared and positioned, understands approach and required instruments, prepared to deal with probable complications**
4. **ME 3.4 Technical performance: Efficiently performs steps, avoiding pitfalls and respecting soft tissues**
5. **ME 3.4 Visuospatial skills: 3D spatial orientation and able to position instruments/hardware where intended**
6. **ME 3.4 Post procedure plan: Appropriate complete post procedure plan**
7. **ME 3.4 Efficiency and flow: Obvious planned course of procedure with economy of movement and flow**
8. **COL 1.3 Professional and effective communication/utilization of staff**