Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery: Foundation EPA #6

Performing primary skin closure: face or neck

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

Assessment plan:
Direct or indirect observation by supervisor with review of clinic note

Use Form 2. Form collects information on:
- Location: operating room; emergency room; other
- Wound closure technique: primary wound closure; simple advancement; rotation or transposition
- Case complexity: low; medium; high

Collect 4 observations of achievement
- At least 2 primary wound closures

Relevant milestones:

1. ME 1.1 Demonstrate compassion and a commitment to high-quality care and for patients
2. ME 1.4 Apply knowledge of cutaneous anatomy, aesthetic subunits, relaxed skin tension lines and non-distortable landmarks of the face
3. ME 2.2 Describe the size, components, and specific characteristics of a wound including special functional and aesthetic considerations
4. ME 2.4 Select the most appropriate wound closure option for the wound and patient
5. ME 3.2 Obtain informed consent for commonly performed medical and surgical procedures and therapies, under supervision
6. ME 3.4 Administer local anesthesia
7. ME 3.4 Perform common Oto - HNS procedures in a skillful, fluid, and safe manner with minimal assistance
8. ME 3.4 Apply dressings for post-procedure care
9. ME 4.1 Implement appropriate wound care and follow-up at the end of each procedure
10. COM 1.2 Optimize the physical environment for patient comfort, dignity, privacy, engagement, and safety
11. COM 5.1 Document soft tissue defects and closure providing a good description, including diagnosis, progression of healing or deterioration and management plan, including follow up

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12 **COL 3.2** Summarize the patient’s issues in the transfer summary, including plans to deal with ongoing issues