

Surgical Foundations: Foundations EPA #7

Managing uncomplicated postoperative surgical patients

Key Features:

- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: postoperative patient management and participation as a member of the discharge planning team
- The postoperative patient management includes all aspects of writing postoperative orders, providing ongoing clinical care; documenting the postoperative course and planning for discharge

Assessment plan:

Part A: Postoperative Management

Direct or indirect observation by supervisor

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Stage of management: post-op orders; clinical management; documentation of post-op course; discharge planning
- Hospital stay: day surgery; same day admit; inpatients
- Surgical complexity: major procedure; minor procedure
- Patient complexity: low; medium; high

Collect 8 observations of achievement

- At least 2 from each stage of management
- A range of hospital stays
- A range of patient complexity
- At least 4 different assessors

Part B: Collaborative Care

Multiple observers from discharge planning team provide feedback individually, which is then collated to one report for Competence Committee review

Use Form 3. Form collects information on:

- Role: resident; faculty; nurse; other health professional

Collect feedback from at least 6 observers

- At least 2 different roles

Relevant milestones (Part A)

- 1 F ME 1.3.1** Apply clinical and biomedical sciences to manage core patient presentations in surgical practice
 - 2 F ME 1.4.1** Perform focused clinical assessments with recommendations that are well-documented
 - 3 F ME 3.4.5** Perform post-procedural tasks in a timely, skillful, and safe manner
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- **Perform appropriate wound closure and dressing care**
- 4 **F ME 4.1.1 Coordinate investigation, treatment, and follow-up plans when multiple physicians and healthcare professionals are involved**
- 5 **F ME 4.1.2 Ensure follow-up on results of investigation and response to treatment**
- 6 **F ME 4.1.4 Implement a post-operative care plan for patients with an uneventful postoperative course**
- 7 **F ME 5.2.1 Use cognitive aids such as procedural checklists, structured communication tools, or care paths, to enhance patient safety**
- 8 **F COM 3.1.1 Use strategies to verify and validate the understanding of the patient and family with regard to the diagnosis, prognosis, management plan and/or discharge plan**
- 9 **F COM 3.1.2 Plan and discuss appropriate post-operative, immediate and/or long-term care and issues with patients and families as appropriate**
- 10 **F COM 4.3.1 Answer questions from the patient and family about next steps**
- 11 **F COM 5.1.1 Document information about patients and their medical conditions in a manner that enhances intra- and interprofessional care**
- 12 **F COL 1.2.1 Describe the roles and scopes of practice of other health care providers related to surgical practice**
- 13 **F COL 1.3.1 Integrate the patient's perspective and context into the collaborative care plan**
- 14 **F COL 3.2.2 Communicate with the patient's primary health care professional about the patient's care**
- 15 **F COL 3.2.3 Summarize the patient's issues in the transfer summary, including plans to deal with the ongoing issues**
- 16 **F COL 3.2.4 Arrange for the appropriate resources and allied health care assistance to be available for the surgical patient**
- 17 **F L 1.4.1 Access supports and notification processes to enhance patient safety in their institution**
- 18 **F HA 1.2.1 Select patient education resources related to surgical practice**
- 19 **F HA 1.3.2 Incorporate disease prevention, health promotion, and health surveillance into interactions with individual patients**
 - Perform screening for
 - Child abuse
 - Elder abuse
 - Domestic violence
- 20 **F P 2.2.1 Demonstrate a commitment to patient safety and quality improvement through adherence to institutional policies and procedures, and clinical practice guidelines**

Relevant milestones (Part B)

- 1 **F COL 1.2.1 Describe the roles and scopes of practice of other health care providers related to surgical practice**
- 2 **F COL 1.3.1 Integrate the patient's perspective and context into the collaborative care plan**
- 3 **F COL 2.1.1 Actively listen to and engage in interactions with collaborators**
- 4 **F COL 3.2.4 Arrange for the appropriate resources and allied health care assistance to be available for the surgical patient**
- 5 **F HA 1.1.1 Demonstrate an approach to working with patients to advocate for health services or resources**

- 6 F P 4.1.3 Demonstrate an ability to regulate attention, emotions, thoughts, and behaviours while maintaining capacity to perform professional tasks**