

STAGE

FOUNDATIONS

EPA

EPA 4: Providing patient education and informed consent in preparation for surgical care

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The focus of this EPA is on effective communication between patients and families to discuss plans for their surgical care. The resident must have a working knowledge of commonly-performed procedures and their risk and benefit profiles, and successfully communicate this to patients and families. Discussions must be tailored to patients based on their individual risk profiles. The resident must display an ability to assess the patient's decision-making capacity as well as their ultimate understanding of the procedural risks / benefits.

ENTRUSTMENT

The resident will be entrusted to:

1. Obtain informed consent.
2. Assess the decision-making capacity and understanding of patients and families with respect to their planned surgical procedure.

FOCUS OF ASSESSMENT

Medical Expert	Communicator	Collaborator	Leader	Health Advocate	Scholar	Professional
X	X			X		

REQUIRED TRAINING EXPERIENCES

Consults	Clinics	ER	Ward	OR	Other
X	X	X	X		

REQUIRED NON-CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCES

Academic ½ Day	Simulation	Course/ Certification	Scholarly Project	Conference	Advocacy Activity	Rounds	Quality Assurance Activity	Other
X	X							

Assessment Tools	Focus of Assessment						
	ME	CM	CL	L	HA	SC	PR
Direct Observation Procedural Skills							
Supervisor Template	X	X					
Field Note							
Mini-CEX							
Multisource Feedback							
Patient Feedback							
Peer Assessment							
Resident Teaching Rubric							
Chart Review							
Journal Club Rubric							
Observed History and Physical Rubric							
OSCE/Simulation							
Other							
Oral Exam							
SAQ/MCQ Exam							
Shelf Quiz							
Other							
Procedure Note Assessment							
Online Module							
Procedure Log							
Other:							

ASSESSMENT STRATEGY AND SAMPLING

Three direct observations of achievement by at least 2 assessors are required and must include:

- At least one emergency procedure
- At least one elective procedure
- At least two in clinical setting

1. Competency in obtaining informed consent and assess decision making capacity of the patient will be assessed by: direct observation

Relevant Milestones from RC

- 1 F ME 2.3.1 Work with patients and their families to understand relevant options for care
- 2 **F ME 2.4.2 Ensure that the patient and family are informed about the risks and benefits of each treatment option in the context of best evidence and guidelines, addressing fears and concerns**
- 3 F ME 2.4.3 Discuss clinical uncertainty with the patient and family
- 4 **F ME 3.2.1 Obtain informed consent for commonly performed procedures and therapies, under supervision**
- 5 F ME 3.2.2 Assess patients' decision-making capacity
- 6 F ME 4.1.3 Apply standardized care paths, including patient education components
- 7 F CM 1.2.1 Optimize the physical environment for patient comfort, privacy, engagement, and safety
- 8 F CM 1.5.2 Manage challenging conversations
- 9 F CM 1.6.1 Encourage discussion, questions, and interaction to validate understanding during the encounter
- 10 F CM 3.1.2 Plan and discuss appropriate postoperative, immediate and/or long-term care and issues with patients and families as appropriate
- 11 **F CM 4.1.2 Communicate with cultural awareness and sensitivity**
- 12 **F CM 5.1.1 Document information about patients and their medical conditions in a manner that enhances intra- and interprofessional care**
- 13 F HA 1.2.1 Select patient education resources related to surgical practice
- 14 F PR 1.3.2 Recognize and respond appropriately in situations where consent is obtained under constraints of emergency circumstances
- 15 **F PR 1.4.3 Manage conflicts of interest related to surgical care, including consent issues related to the duality of the learner as surgeon**