

Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) paper form

The trainee should be observed explaining the procedure to the patient, obtaining informed consent and then performing it.

Details

Date of assessment _____

Relevant EPA _____

Trainee name _____

Supervisor name _____

Procedure

Complexity Low Medium High Conducted On a patient Simulation
 Ultrasound used? Yes No Time pressure? Elective Critical

Assessor Observations

What level of supervision does the trainee require to provide effective patient care for a similar case in the future?

<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 Trainee needs supervisor to intervene immediately (within 1-2 mins if briefly absent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 Trainee needs supervisor to intervene quickly (within 5 mins)	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 Trainee needs a supervisor available on site (only short delay)	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 Trainee can manage case independently with supervisor available (immediately by phone, attendance within 30 mins if required)
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Please provide observations and feedback about how the trainee can improve their practice in the following areas (Please note n/a if not relevant to this case)

Consent & Preparation	<i>Explains procedure, check for patient concerns and obtains informed consent. Prepares the procedural environment appropriately (e.g. assistance, drugs, IV access, monitoring and equipment, as relevant).</i>
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<p>Technical Ability</p>	<p><i>Demonstrates appropriate technique, universal precautions and pre-procedural checks. Demonstrates applied knowledge of anatomy, manual dexterity and confidence, correct procedural sequence with minimal hesitation and unnecessary actions.</i></p>
<p>Insight & rural context</p>	<p><i>Knows when to avoid the procedure, seek assistance, abandon procedure or arrange alternative care to prevent harm to patient. Considers how the procedure may have to be handled differently in a rural context.</i></p>
<p>Documentation / post procedure management</p>	<p><i>Documents the episode including problems and complications; arranges and documents plans for post procedural care including monitoring, handover and management of complications and expected effects of the procedure.</i></p>

Overall Feedback

<p>Examples of what was done well</p> <p><i>Example: Thorough explanation of potential complications in language understood by patient; Well prepared prior to start – drugs and equipment.</i></p>	
<p>Areas that need improvement and action</p> <p><i>Example: Giving clear instructions to assistant in timely manner; Place ultrasound machine on other side to maintain line of sight.</i></p>	

Trainee Reflection and Comments

<p>Trainee reflection and comments</p>	
<p>Trainee action plan</p> <p><i>Example: Over the next week, I will familiarise myself with the ultrasound and practice in line needle insertions.</i></p>	<p><i>Based on my reflection and the feedback I have received, I intend to:</i></p>