

EPA 2 Review – Provide epidural analgesia for obstetric patients in labour.

Description

The trainee can provide safe labour analgesia for patients with low risk pregnancies during labour and vaginal delivery. The trainee can also recognise when seeking advice or referral is warranted.

Expected knowledge, skills and attitudes

Demonstrate knowledge of relevant anatomy and physiology relevant to providing epidural analgesia for an obstetric patient.

Perform an appropriate assessment, including targeted history and focussed examination, to identify patients who are suitable for an epidural.

Recognise limits of their expertise and experience in anaesthesia practice and seek advice as appropriate.

Obtain informed consent from patients in labour for epidural analgesia, appreciating the dynamic nature of consent and patient expectations.

Provide epidural analgesia for labour and vaginal delivery.

Assess adequacy and initially manage suboptimal epidural analgesia.

Manage complications associated with the provision of epidural analgesia and request assistance.

Workplace-based Assessment

Evidence, which demonstrates competence, must include the following workplace-based assessments as a minimum:

- DOPS – epidural analgesia for labour and delivery
- Case based Discussion – initial management of complications (e.g. inadequate block, dural puncture)

Trainee name _____

Evidence presented by trainee:

Date	WBA type	Case	Level

WBAs were completed by a variety of assessors.

Yes

No

Please select one of the following:

We confirm that the trainee is competent to provide analgesia for patients in labour and delivery. The trainee can start to log volume of practice for labour epidurals.

The trainee must continue to collect evidence to support completion. Please comment on WBAs or other evidence required prior to re-submission for review.

Supervisor name: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Second Supervisor name _____

Signature _____ Date _____