

Patient Consultation Observation (PCO) paper form

The trainee should be observed in a consultation with a patient.

Details

Date of assessment _____

Relevant EPA _____

Trainee name _____

Supervisor name _____

What was the trainee's role in this case? _____

Description of case (including patient's age, ASA and procedure)

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 available 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 and 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)

History-taking, examination and investigations	<i>Communicates with patient using a structured approach. Identifies relevant factors that will affect perioperative management and surgical outcomes. Orders additional investigations and tests in accordance with relevant perioperative guidelines.</i>
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<p>Risk assessment</p>	<p><i>Conducts structured, comprehensive risk assessment. Identifies possible need for postoperative HDU/ICU care, if applicable.</i></p>
<p>Patient-centred care</p>	<p><i>Explores the patient's preoperative goals, understanding, expectations and concerns. Provides patient education and relevant referrals/follow up.</i></p>
<p>Management plans</p>	<p><i>Develops an appropriate plan. Trainee considers patient, facility, and surgical factors and reflects on how these influence planning in a rural or remote context and the need for patient transfer to an alternate centre for care.</i></p>

Overall Feedback

<p>Examples of what was done well</p> <p><i>Example: Optimises care by discussing perioperative risks of smoking and how cessation improves postoperative outcomes</i></p>	
<p>Areas that need improvement and action</p> <p><i>Example: Further reading on which medications should be ceased prior to surgery.</i></p>	

Trainee Reflection and Comments

<p>Trainee reflection and comments</p>	
<p>Trainee action plan</p> <p><i>Example: Investigate perioperative risk assessment tools.</i></p>	<p><i>Based on my reflection and the feedback I have received, I intend to:</i></p>