Surgical Foundations CBD Faculty Tip Sheet

Did you know?

• Competency By Design (CBD) is being rolled out by the Royal College.

• Surgical Foundations (PGY1) is using CBD and has its own specific Entrustable Professional Activities or “EPAs”.

• Each EPA is rated on a 5 point scale.

• Residents must achieve 2 entrustments (score = 4/Autonomy or 5/) for each EPA.

• EPAs are completed online using the Elentra platform.

• EPAs rely on your involvement.

Pitfalls:

• It is often unrealistic to use an entire surgical procedure for PGY1 so use a component of a procedure e.g. “laparotomy” or “laparotomy closure”.

• Entrustment level 4 states “supervisor didn’t need to be there” - for some faculty / specialties / procedures this is not (ever) possible, so please reflect on whether your presence was actually required.

• Try to avoid delays in completing the EPA documentation as the quality of feedback deteriorates with time.

How to Perform an EPA:

1. PGY1 and Faculty identify an opportunity to conduct an EPA.
2. Faculty directly observes PGY1 during the encounter, wherever possible.
3. Faculty provides immediate feedback and completes EPA on resident’s or own smartphone using Elentra.