

PBA: Open Inguinal Hernia Repair

PROCEDURE-BASED ASSESSMENT IN GENERAL SURGERY

Trainee:	Assessor:	Date:
Hospital:	Surgery:	Duration:
Operation more difficult than usual? Yes / No (If yes, state reason)		

Feedback

Verbal and written feedback is a mandatory component of this assessment. Please use this space to record areas of strength and suggestions for development which were highlighted during discussion with the trainee.

TRAINEE'S REFLECTIONS	
Trainee's reflections on this activity	
What did I learn from this experience?	
What did I do well?	
What do I need to improve or change? How will I achieve it?	
Trainee's comments	

ASSESSOR'S FEEDBACK	
General	
Strengths	
What did the trainee do well?	
Development needs	
Recommended actions	

Rating

N=Not observed / I=Improvement required / S=Satisfactory / A=Above Average / E=Excellent / NA=Not applicable

Competencies	Rating N / I / S / A / E / NA	Comments
I. Pre-operative planning 1 Reviews patient's record and investigation results carefully 2 Ensures the operation site is marked where applicable 3 Checks materials, equipment and device requirements with operating room staff 4 Demonstrates recognition of anatomical and pathological abnormalities (and relevant co-morbidities) and selects appropriate operative strategies / techniques to deal with these 5 Demonstrates ability to make reasoned choice of appropriate equipment, materials or devices (if any) taking into account appropriate investigations		
II. Pre-operative preparation 1 Checks in theatre that consent has been obtained 2 Gives effective briefing to theatre team 3 Ensures proper and safe positioning of the patient on the operating table 4 Demonstrates careful skin preparation and draping of the patient's operative field 5 Ensures general equipment and materials are deployed safely (e.g. diathermy, mesh) 6 Ensures appropriate drugs administered (e.g. local anesthetic, antibiotic)		
III. Intra-operative technique 1 Demonstrates knowledge of optimal skin incision / access 2 Achieves an adequate exposure through purposeful dissection in correct tissue planes and identifies all structures correctly 3 Completes a sound wound repair and protects the wound with dressings, and drains where appropriate 4 Follows an agreed, logical sequence or protocol for the procedure 5 Consistently handles tissue well with minimal damage 6 Controls bleeding promptly by an appropriate method 7 Demonstrates a sound technique of knots and sutures/staples 8 Uses instruments appropriately and safely		

9	Proceeds at appropriate pace with economy of movement	
10	Anticipates and responds appropriately to variation e.g. anatomy	
11	Deals calmly and effectively with unexpected events/ complications	
12	Uses assistant(s) to the best advantage at all times	
13	Communicates clearly and consistently with the scrub team	
14	Communicates clearly and consistently with the anaesthetist	
15	Carries out dissection purposefully and accurately to expose sac without compromising adjacent structures such as nerves and blood vessels	
16	Identifies sac and assesses sac contents correctly	
17	Deals with sac contents appropriately by reduction / inspection / further procedure	
18	Deals with sac appropriately by inversion / transfixion and excision	
19	Completes a sound repair by an appropriate method without compromising adjacent structures	
IV. Post-operative management		
1	Ensures the patient is transferred safely from the operating table to bed	
2	Constructs a clear operation note	
3	Records clear and appropriate post-operative instructions	
4	Deals with specimens if applicable; labels and orientates specimens appropriately	
5	Maintains a good rapport with patient and relative, willing to communicate with them the progress and answering their questions; full explanation of the pathologic finding and appropriate referral to other specialties if necessary	

N.B. *Assessors are normally trainers, associate consultants, consultants or professor.

*The trainee should explain what he / she intends to do throughout the procedure. The Assessor should provide verbal advice if required, and intervene if patient safety is at risk.

Overall Rating (tick as appropriate)

Level 1 – Can do with assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Level 2 – Competent to do independently	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Level 3 – Manage to complete complex case and deal with complications	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Signatures

Trainee:	Assessor:
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