

# PBA: Thyroidectomy

## 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 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 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

<b>Competencies</b>	<b>Rating</b> N / I / S / A / E / NA	<b>Comments</b>
<b>I. Pre-operative planning</b> 1 Reviews patient's record and investigation results carefully 2 Identifies location of lesion and recognizes any anatomical variation 3 Ensures skin marking of operation site where applicable 4 Selects suitable instruments and equipment, taking into account appropriate investigations e.g. x-rays 5 Cross-checks with operation staff as regards the equipment, instruments and materials required		
<b>II. Pre-operative preparation</b> 1 Checks in theatre that informed consent has been properly 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. catheter, diathermy, operative energy source) 6 Ensures appropriate drugs administered 7 Arranges for and deploys specialist equipment (e.g. nerve monitors) effectively		
<b>III. Intra-operative technique</b> 1 Demonstrates knowledge of optimal skin incision 2 Achieves adequate exposure through dissection of correct fascial planes and identifies structures correctly 3 Follows an agreed, logical sequence or protocol for the procedure 4 Consistently handles tissue well with minimal damage 5 Uses instruments appropriately and safely 6 Proceeds at appropriate pace with economy of movement 7 Demonstrates good techniques in knots tying 8 Anticipates and responds appropriately to variation e.g. anatomy 9 Deals calmly and effectively with unexpected events or complications 10 Controls bleeding promptly by an appropriate method		

11 Mobilizes the thyroid gland by appropriate division of arteries and veins supplying the gland		
12 Identifies and safeguards the recurrent laryngeal nerves and external branch of superior laryngeal nerves		
13 Identifies and safeguards the parathyroid glands		
14 Communicates clearly and consistently with the scrub team		
15 Communicates clearly and consistently with the anesthetist		
16 Uses assistant(s) to the best advantage at all times		
17 Asks mentor for help where appropriate		
18 Confirms haemostasis before wound closure		
19 Performs a sound wound repair		
20 Protects the wound with dressing and drains where appropriate		
<b>IV. Post-operative management</b>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	
and deal with complications	

**Signatures**

Trainee:	Assessor:
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