

Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) – Anaesthesia

Please complete the questions using a cross (x). Please use black ink and CAPITAL LETTERS.

Trainee's surname:

Trainee's forename(s):

GMC number:

GMC NUMBER MUST BE COMPLETED

Clinical setting: Theatre ICU A&E Delivery suite Pain clinic Other

Procedure:

Case category: Elective Scheduled Urgent Emergency Other ASA Class: 1 2 3 4 5

Assessor's position: Consultant SASG SpR Nurse Other

Number of times previous DOPS observed by assessor with **any** trainee: 0 1 2-5 5-9 >9

Number of times procedure performed by trainee: 0 1-4 5-9 >10

Please grade the following areas using the scale below:		Below expectations		Borderline	Meets expectations		Above expectations		U/C*
		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	Demonstrates understanding of indications, relevant anatomy, technique of procedure								
2	Obtains informed consent								
3	Demonstrates appropriate pre-procedure preparation								
4	Demonstrates situation awareness								
5	Aseptic technique								
6	Technical ability								
7	Seeks help where appropriate								
8	Post procedure management								
9	Communication skills								
10	Consideration for patient								
11	Overall performance								

*U/C Please mark this if you have not observed the behaviour and therefore feel unable to comment.

Please use this space to record areas of strength or any suggestions for development.

Trainee satisfaction with DOPS: Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Highly

Assessor satisfaction with DOPS: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What training have you had in the use of this assessment tool? Face-to-face Have read guidelines Web/CDROM

Assessor's signature: Date:

Time taken for observation (in minutes): Time taken for feedback (in minutes):

Assessor's name:

Assessor's GMC number:

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DOPS assessment takes the form of the trainee performing a specific practical procedure that is directly observed and scored by a consultant observer in each of the eleven domains, using the standard form.

Performing a DOPS assessment will slow down the procedure but the principal burden is providing an assessor at the time that a skilled trainee will be performing the practical task.

Being a practical specialty there are numerous examples of procedures that require assessment as detailed in each unit of training. The assessment of each procedure should focus on the whole event, not simply, for example, the successful insertion of cannula, the location of epidural space or central venous access such that, in the assessors' judgment the trainee is competent to perform the individual procedure without direct supervision.

Feedback and discussion at the end of the session is mandatory.