



Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) Form

DESCRIPTION

DOPS is a tool used to evaluate the Registrar's competence in performing short diagnostic and interventional procedures in the workplace.

SECTION 1 – REGISTRAR DETAILS

Registrar name					
Stage of training		Training Period		Year	
EPA					
DOPS description					
Problem complexity		Setting			
Patient gender		Patient age		Patient ethnicity	

SECTION 2 – WBA RATING

OVERALL RATING

The Registrar required:

Direct supervision and proactive input to perform the procedure.

Direct supervision and some prompting to perform the procedure.

Minimal guidance. I provided some suggestions.

No guidance. They could have performed the procedure without input from me and I am confident that they know the limits of their expertise.

The Registrar could teach junior colleagues how to perform the procedure.

The Assessor should provide feedback, in the form of comments, on the Registrar's performance on the following. If not applicable to this particular assessment, note 'N/A'.

Pre-procedure preparation and aseptic technique: Can explain indications for procedure, relevant anatomy and essential steps of procedure; demonstrates clear plan; identifies equipment needed; conducts relevant safety checks; briefs other staff appropriately.



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Informed consent: Conveys information about procedure that is complete; accurate and jargon-free; explains risks and benefits; responds appropriately to patient concerns; ensures patient understanding before obtaining consent.
Performance of procedure: Selects appropriate local anaesthetic agent and injects required volume with correct needle and technique; follows protocol for procedure; demonstrates manual dexterity and uses instruments appropriately; handles tissues gently; anticipates and responds calmly to unexpected situation; controls any bleeding.
Communication skills and professionalism: Advises patients of procedure steps in advance of undertaking them; ensures patient is comfortable throughout; reassures patient during procedure; communicates clearly to assistants and other staff; organised and professional approach.
Post-procedure management plan and documentation: Conveys relevant information to patient orally and in writing; organises follow up consultation if required; makes clear, legible notes in record to enable effective care by other practitioners.



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SIGNOFF

Assessor Name		Position	
Assessor Signature		Date	
Registrar Signature		Date	