

Core: Entrustable Professional Activity - Arrange and Complete Surgery for a Simple Acute Case

This activity involves dealing with a simple acute general surgical condition, such as an abscess, appendicitis, cholecystitis or similar. It encompasses assessment of the case, and the various aspects of communication and technical expertise/knowledge required to successfully complete the procedure.

Competence	Indicative behaviours	Indicative questions
Medical Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrates adequate understanding of the condition and indications for surgery• Understands appropriate postoperative management• Completes the procedure accurately and without complication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the Trainee appear to understand the condition, including options of surgical vs non-surgical management?• Is appropriate peri-operative care instituted eg DVT prophylaxis, ongoing antibiotics, observations etc?
Judgement and Clinical Decision-Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good judgement on when to operate and how urgently• Demonstrates ability to prioritise urgency• Knows limits of own ability and when to call for help	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the Trainee too eager to operate? Or too reluctant to operate?• Can the Trainee decide on urgency eg tonight or first case tomorrow?• Is the Trainee known to seek help if out of their depth?
Professionalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understands issues of consent/competency to consent• Doesn't neglect other duties while in theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are there frequent complaints that the Trainee "hides in theatre" and tends to avoid the emergency department?
Health Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensures the patient is informed and understands the reasons for surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the patient appear to be comfortable and well informed about the surgery and expected postoperative course?
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communicates plan with consultant before and after case• Communicates with anaesthetist and theatre suite to make all necessary arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are there frequent miscommunications with theatre?• Is theatre often "in the dark" about what is happening?• Is communication with consultant accurate and timely?
Collaboration and Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works with theatre staff to get the case completed in good time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there feedback that the Trainee is enjoyable to work with after hours, is courteous and flexible in their approach?

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