

**General Surgery SIMGs on Pathway to Fellowship
Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (Surgical DOPS)**

First Name: _____ **Surname:** _____ **Id Number:** _____

Term: (circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Hospital: _____ **Unit:** _____

Date: _____ **Supervisor Name: (completing form)** _____

Procedure: _____

Difficulty: Easier than usual Average More than usual

Please assess and mark the following areas: (tick one rating only for each area below)	0 - Significant Improvement Required	1 - Some Improvement Required	2 - Competent	Not observed Or not applicable
1. Prepares adequately and participates in surgical safety checklist.				
2. Observes relevant operating room protocols.				
3. Accurately identifies relevant anatomy and pathology.				
4. Always adopts safe, effective and efficient techniques: • Surgical access & exposure • Use of instruments • Handling of tissue • Attention to detail • Use of assistant				
5. Demonstrates good manual dexterity and hand-eye co-ordination.				
6. Progresses with procedure in an orderly and timely manner.				
7. Responds appropriately to changes in situation.				
8. Works as an effective member of the surgical team.				
9. Seeks help when necessary				
10. Communicates clearly including documentation.				

Overall Rating (Circle one rating)	Significant Improvement Required	Some Improvement Required	Competent

Suggestions for development:

Agreed action:

SIMG Signature: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Notes to SIMGs and Supervisors on Completing DOPS Forms

- Direct Observation of Procedural Skills in surgery (Surgical DOPS) is a method of assessing competence in performing diagnostic and interventional procedures during surgical practice. It facilitates feedback in order to develop behaviours and performance related to operative, decision making, communication and teamwork skills. The assessment is formative, aimed at guiding further development of surgical practice.
- The assessment involves the approved supervisor observing the SIMG perform an operative procedure within the work place. The supervisor's evaluation is recorded on a structured checklist, which enables the supervisor to provide verbal and specific feedback to the SIMG immediately after the procedure.
- The observed procedure should be a major procedure that the SIMG has had prior exposure to.
- All SIMGs on a pathway to General Surgery Fellowship are required to participate in at least one DOPS assessment during each 3-month term whilst under supervision or oversight.
- The supervisor is required to conduct a formal assessment in the operating theatre, assessing and marking the identified areas using the following ratings:

Rating	Descriptor
0	Significant improvement required to demonstrate satisfactory performance (areas for improvement are to be specified).
1	Some improvement required to demonstrate satisfactory performance (areas for improvement are to be specified).
2	Performance is competent.
N	Not observed or not applicable and therefore not assessed

- The Supervisor must also give an overall mark for the assessment. Multiple scores of "1" or a single score of "0" indicates a need for significant improvement in performance. The supervisor should counsel the SIMG who should be given opportunity to improve in the relevant skills before being reassessed. This process may be repeated until satisfactory performance is demonstrated.
- All completed assessment forms must be signed and uploaded to ICAMS.

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