

Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)

List of EPAs for Internal Medicine

EPA Title	EPA Entrustment Level to be Attained by Exit
EPA 1: Managing Patients in the Medical Inpatient Ward	Level 3B
EPA 2: Performing Medical Bedside Procedures	Level 3B
EPA 3: Managing Acutely ill Patients	Level 3B
EPA 4: Managing Medical Patients in Ambulatory Care Setting	Level 3A

Entrustment Scale

Entrustment Level	Description
Level 1	Be present and observe, but no permission to enact EPA
Level 2	Practice EPA with direct (pro-active) supervision
Level 3A	Practice EPA with indirect (re-active) supervision – help immediately available
Level 3B	Practice EPA with indirect (re-active) supervision – help available nearby
Level 4	Unsupervised practice allowed (distant oversight)
Level 5	May provide supervision to junior learners

Internal Medicine EPA 1: Managing Patients in the Medical Inpatient Ward

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Title	Managing Patients in the Medical Inpatient Ward
Specifications and limitations	Components of this EPA 1. This EPA will require Residents to be assessed based on General Medical knowledge and competencies. 2. Evaluates patients' problems (review history and physical examination) 3. Interprets laboratory and radiological results 4. Evaluates the problem list with differential diagnoses using clinical reasoning skills and formulates an evidence based diagnostic and management plan 5. Anticipates and manages complications 6. Identifies functional and psychosocial issues 7. Performs hand over and follow up when there is transition of care a. Change in ward team / discipline b. On call team / different shifts 8. Coordinates and communicates care plans of patients, in conjunction with other healthcare professionals within the hospital and community 9. Communicates care plans effectively to patients and family members 10. Communicates care plans effectively to health care professionals 11. Maintains professional behaviour and conduct
	Limitations: More complex and in-depth sub-specialty related medical conditions may require senior and multidisciplinary input.
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Internal Medicine EPA 2 - Performing Medical Bedside Procedures

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Title	Performing Medical Bedside Procedures
Specifications and limitations	Components of this EPA 1. Identifies indication(s) for procedure 2. Identifies potential complications and contraindications of the procedure 3. Obtains informed consent 4. Conducts pre-procedure check 5. Documents procedure notes and post procedure instructions 6. Analyses and reflects on the factors that contributed to the success or failure of procedure 7. Communicates care plans effectively to patients and family members 8. Communicates care plans effectively to health care professionals 9. Maintains professional behaviour and conduct
	Limitations: Limited to the following IM-RAC list of procedures: • Thoracentesis/Chest tube insertion • Abdominal Tap • Arterial line placement • Central line placement • Lumbar puncture • Endotracheal intubation
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Internal Medicine EPA 3 - Managing Acutely ill Patients

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Title	Managing Acutely ill Patients
Specifications and limitations	Components of this EPA 1. This EPA will require Residents to be assessed based on General Medical knowledge and competencies necessary for managing acutely ill patients. 2. Recognises unstable patients for prompt escalation of care, for example from general ward setting to intensive care unit. 3. Manages acutely ill patients in general wards & intensive care units, provides medical management, and escalates care where appropriate 4. Coordinates resuscitation efforts 5. Involves multidisciplinary input where appropriate 6. Documents events of resuscitation (medications used and patient care outcome). 7. Discuss initial extent of care 8. Communicates care plans effectively to patients and family members 9. Communicates care plans effectively to health care professionals 10. Maintains professional behaviour and conduct
	Limitations: Nil.
EPA Entrustment Level to be Attained by Exit	Level 3B

Internal Medicine EPA 4 - Managing Medical Patients in Ambulatory Care Setting

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Title	Managing Medical Patients in Ambulatory Care Setting
Specifications and limitations	Components of this EPA 1. This EPA will require Residents to be assessed based on General Medical knowledge and competencies. 2. Assesses and manages patients with subacute and chronic medical conditions in a clinic or ambulatory medical centre 3. Manages and collaborates care with multi-disciplinary inputs 4. Identifies social, functional and cognitive problems and refers to appropriate community care services 5. Provides primary and secondary preventive care, counselling and management strategies 6. Communicates care plans effectively to patients and family members 7. Communicates care plans effectively to health care professionals 8. Maintains professional behaviour and conduct
	Limitations: Complex medical conditions require senior and/or multidisciplinary input
EPA Entrustment Level to be Attained by Exit	Level 3A