

Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)

List of EPAs for Endocrinology

EPA Title	EPA Entrustment Level to be Attained by Exit
EPA 1: Managing Patients with Endocrine Emergencies	Level 4
EPA 2: Managing Patients with Endocrine Disorders in the Outpatient Setting	Level 4
EPA 3: Managing Patients with Endocrine Disorders in the Inpatient Setting	Level 4
EPA 4: Performing Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (FNAC) of Thyroid Nodules in an Ambulatory Setting	Level 4

Entrustment Scale

Entrustment Level	Description
Level 1	Be present and observe, but no permission to enact EPA
Level 2	Practise EPA with direct (pro-active) supervision
Level 3	Practise EPA with indirect (re-active) supervision
Level 4	Unsupervised practise allowed (distant oversight)
Level 5	May provide supervision to junior learners

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Title	Managing Patients with Endocrine Emergencies
Specification and limitations	The ability to manage patients who present with common acute endocrine illnesses is a key activity of an endocrinologist. The scope of practice includes well patients and patients with chronic underlying disease who present with endocrine emergencies. The specific functions which define this EPA include: • Identifying patients with endocrine emergencies. • Assessing the severity of illness and using judgment as to whether or not immediate or emergency actions or stabilisation are required. • Administering immediate treatment for patients requiring immediate emergency actions. • Evaluation of patients – including obtaining essential information through history and physical examination, ordering appropriate tests, and accurately interpreting laboratory and imaging data. • Developing and documenting a clear management plan. • Coordinating care with the inter-disciplinary health care team (including handovers) and transfer to a higher acuity facility if necessary for treatment of urgent or life-threatening problems. Limitations: Does not include paediatric patients.
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Title	Managing Patients with Endocrine Disorders in the Outpatient Setting
Specification and limitations	This EPA covers the clinical scope of an endocrinologist's work in the outpatient setting, in managing acute and chronic endocrine disorders The specific functions which define this EPA include: • Gathering information through history taking, physical examination and review of past laboratory results. • Developing relevant differential diagnoses. • Ordering and conducting pertinent and cost-effective diagnostic tests. • Accurately interpreting the results of laboratory, dynamic, and radiological investigations. • Assessing the severity of illness accurately, making safe and appropriate decisions regarding clinical disposition. • Making evidence-based, timely and safe management decisions, contextualised to individual patients, with careful consideration of the scope of benefits, risks and side effects, alternatives, costs and resource limitations. • Engaging patient and family members in medical management decisions. • Coordinating multi-disciplinary care for complicated endocrine conditions. Limitations: Excludes paediatric patients
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Title	Managing Patients with Endocrine Disorders in the Inpatient Setting
Specification and limitations	The ability to manage patients who present with common acute and chronic endocrine illnesses in the inpatient setting is a key activity of an endocrinologist. This includes patients under primary team care and referrals/blue letters from other specialties. The specific functions which define this EPA include: • Assessing the severity of illness as to whether or not immediate or emergency actions, stabilisation, or transfer to a higher acuity facility are necessary for treatment of urgent or life-threatening problems. • Gathering essential information through history, physical examination, initial laboratory tests, and imaging. • Developing differential diagnoses. • Ordering and performing further diagnostic or dynamic tests, and interpreting the findings. • Developing, carrying out and documenting a clear management plan. • Recognising the need for help in diagnosing and managing rare endocrine diseases and the utilising of additional resources as needed. • Coordinating care with the inter-disciplinary health care team, including handovers. • Providing patient- and family-centred care by engaging in bidirectional communication and involving them in management decisions. • Providing perioperative assessment and care when appropriate. • Providing consults to other specialties, when necessary, which further include the following specifications: ○ Recognising the indication for the consultation, focusing on and clarifying the clinical question to be addressed. ○ Timely review of patients referred. ○ Communicating the impression and plan to the referring provider, other consulting physicians and to the patient/family using bidirectional communication. ○ Determining the need for ongoing care and communicating this effectively to referring provider and/or next consultant.
	Limitations: Excludes paediatric patients.
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Title	Performing Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (FNAC) of Thyroid Nodules in an Ambulatory Setting
Specification and limitations	The specific functions which define this EPA include: • Assessing the indications and contraindications/risks of the procedure • Obtaining informed consent • Demonstrating the ability to perform the procedure • Ensuring patient safety and comfort • Monitoring, recognising and managing complications of the procedure • Documentation of performance of the procedure
	Limitations: Excludes paediatric patients
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