

Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)

List of EPAs for Endocrinology

EPA Title	EPA Entrustment Level to be Attained by Exit
<u>EPA 1: Managing Patients with Endocrine Emergencies</u>	Level 4
<u>EPA 2: Managing Patients with Endocrine Disorders in the Outpatient Setting</u>	Level 4
<u>EPA 3: Managing Patients with Endocrine Disorders in the Inpatient Setting</u>	Level 4
<u>EPA 4: Performing Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (FNAC) of Thyroid Nodules in an Ambulatory Setting</u>	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	<p>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.</p> <p>The specific functions which define this EPA include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Limitations: Does not include paediatric patients.</p>
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Title	Managing Patients with Endocrine Disorders in the Outpatient Setting
Specification and limitations	<p>This EPA covers the clinical scope of an endocrinologist’s work in the outpatient setting, in managing acute and chronic endocrine disorders</p> <p>The specific functions which define this EPA include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Limitations: Excludes paediatric patients</p>
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Title	Managing Patients with Endocrine Disorders in the Inpatient Setting
Specification and limitations	<p>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.</p> <p>This includes patients under primary team care and referrals/blue letters from other specialties.</p> <p>The specific functions which define this EPA include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. <p>Limitations: Excludes paediatric patients.</p>
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Title	Performing Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (FNAC) of Thyroid Nodules in an Ambulatory Setting
Specification and limitations	<p>The specific functions which define this EPA include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
	<p>Limitations: Excludes paediatric patients</p>
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