

Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)

List of EPAs for Internal Medicine

| EPA Title | EPA Entrustment Level to be Attained by Exit |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | <p>Components of this EPA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
| | <p>Limitations:</p> <p>More complex and in-depth sub-specialty related medical conditions may require senior and multidisciplinary input.</p> |
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Internal Medicine EPA 2 - Performing Medical Bedside Procedures

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| Title | Performing Medical Bedside Procedures |
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| Specifications and limitations | <p>Components of this EPA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
| | <p>Limitations:</p> <p>Limited to the following IM-RAC list of procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
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| Specifications and limitations | <p>Components of this EPA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
| | <p>Limitations: Nil.</p> |
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Internal Medicine EPA 4 - Managing Medical Patients in Ambulatory Care Setting

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| Title | Managing Medical Patients in Ambulatory Care Setting |
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| Specifications and limitations | <p>Components of this EPA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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 centre3. Manages and collaborates care with multi-disciplinary inputs4. Identifies social, functional and cognitive problems and refers to appropriate community care services5. Provides primary and secondary preventive care, counselling and management strategies6. Communicates care plans effectively to patients and family members7. Communicates care plans effectively to health care professionals8. Maintains professional behaviour and conduct |
| | <p>Limitations: Complex medical conditions require senior and/or multidisciplinary input</p> |
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