

SURGICAL TRAINING

Supervised Structured Assessment of Operative Performance (SSAOP)

RCSI DEVELOPING HEALTHCARE LEADERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WORLDWIDE

Trainee Name:

Trainer Name:

Trainer IMC/GMC number:

Hospital:

Specialty:

Programme Year:

Rotation Start Date:

End Date:

Procedure Performed:

This is an assessment of operative performance of the surgical trainee. Trainees must complete three SSAOPs in each six month rotation (i.e. 12 in total during CST). Each SSAOP should be for a different surgical procedure. The assessment can be performed on any surgical procedure which the trainer considers appropriate for the specialty and the trainee year of training e.g. appendectomy, or repair of inguinal hernia. Minor operations (e.g. excision of skin lesions) are unacceptable.

NB. The completed form will NOT be considered if "N/A" is entered for three or more of the items numbered 1 -15 (i.e. 20% of the items)

A maximum of 15 points is awarded per SSAOP. Each SSAOP is scored out of 150 for ease of calculation.

N/A = not observed or not done by the trainee

Please mark all sections by checking the box in the appropriate category.

Case Difficulty (Max 15 marks)

Straightforward anatomy, no related prior operation(s) or treatment (e.g. radiation) (5)	Intermediate difficulty (10)	Obesity, abnormal anatomy, complex pathology, related prior operation(s) or treatment (15)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Degree of Prompting or Direction (Max 15 marks)

Substantial direction by consultant. Trainee performs all steps but the consultant provides constant direction to the trainee and surgical team. (5)	Some direction by consultant. Trainee performs all steps but the consultant provides occasional direction to the trainee and /or the surgical team. (10)	Minimal direction by consultant. Trainee performs all steps and directs the surgical team independently with little or no direction from the consultant to either the trainee or the surgical team. (15)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pre-Operative Preparation (Max 30 marks)	Very poor. Unacceptable for level of training (1)	Below expectations for level of training (2)	Meets expectations for level of training (3)	Above expectations for level of training (4)	Exceptional. Capable of performing independently (5)	N/A
<i>Please indicate the degree to which trainee:</i>						
1. Demonstrates knowledge of case & relevant investigations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Ensures availability of relevant patient data & x-rays.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Ensures patient is appropriately positioned with attention to pressure areas & diathermy pad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Initiates "Time out" in accordance with WHO guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Demonstrates effective scrubbing & gowning technique	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Demonstrates appropriate skin preparation & draping.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Operative Procedure (Max 80 marks).	Very poor. Unacceptable for level of training (2)	Below expectations for level of training (4)	Meets expectations for level of training (6)	Above expectations for level of training (8)	Exceptional. Capable of performing independently (10)	N/A
<i>Please indicate the degree to which trainee:</i>						
7. Plans & makes incision(s) taking into account procedure & prior surgery.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Chooses appropriate surgical instruments (including sutures).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Uses surgical instruments (includes diathermy, stapler etc.) in a manner that is safe (i.e. visualizes tips) & demonstrates economy of motion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Handles tissue carefully, demonstrates meticulous dissection technique & appropriate use of tissue planes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Anticipates needs, thinks ahead & sets up operative field by effective use of retraction & assistants, with efficient forward progression & flow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Demonstrates a calm demeanor, is not distracted, slows down when appropriate & accepts feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Is able to problem solve, recognised, avoid & recover from errors & unexpected events (includes abnormal anatomy & bleeding).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Communicates effectively with team, provides leadership & appropriately monitors changes outside immediate operative field.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Postoperative Care (10)	Very poor. Unacceptable for level of training (2)	Below expectations for level of training (4)	Meets expectations for level of training (6)	Above expectations for level of training (8)	Exceptional. Capable of performing independently (10)	N/A
<i>Please indicate the degree to which the trainee:</i>						
15. Completes the operation note & writes post-operative orders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate the weaknesses in this trainee's performance:

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Please rate this trainee's overall performance in this procedure. Exceptional rating indicates technically proficient performance (i.e., trainee is ready to perform **THIS** operation independently assuming he/she consistently performs at this level).

Unable to perform basic operative steps without direction	Fair performance but needed considerable direction to complete steps.	Good performance but needed some direction	Excellent performance but needed some direction	Exceptional performance. Could operate independently.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Assessor's Signature: _____

Assessor's Name _____ (Print)

Assessor's IMC/GMC Number _____

Date _____