

Diagnostic Radiology: Transition to Discipline EPA #4

Identifying and assessing unstable patients, providing initial management, and obtaining help

Key Features:

- This EPA includes recognizing serious, life-threatening, or critical illness and providing initial investigation and management.
- An important aspect of this EPA is the timely recognition of the need for additional assistance and/or notification to the attending physician.

Assessment Plan:

Direct observation and/or case review by supervisor (most responsible physician (MRP), other consulting staff, senior resident)

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

- Presentation: acute respiratory distress; allergic reaction; altered level of consciousness; chest pain; hemodynamic instability; hypoglycemia; other

Collect 5 observations of achievement

- Any 4 different presentations

CanMEDS Milestones:

- 1 ME 2.1 Recognize instability and acuity in a clinical presentation**
- 2 ME 2.1 Determine the priorities for patient care**
- 3 P 1.1 Work within personal limits, seeking assistance as needed**
- 4 ME 2.2 Provide assessment and initial stabilization of ABCs**
- 5 ME 2.2 Perform a history and physical exam relevant to the patient presentation, in a time-effective manner**
- 6 ME 2.2 Select and/or interpret investigations**
- 7 ME 2.4 Develop and implement a plan for initial management**
- 8 ME 4.1 Determine the appropriate disposition and/or setting for ongoing care**
- 9 COL 1.2 Consult as needed with other health care professionals, including other physicians**
- 10 COM 5.1 Document the clinical encounter to adequately convey clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions**