Surgical Foundations: Foundations EPA #7

Managing uncomplicated postoperative surgical patients

Key Features:
- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: postoperative patient management and participation as a member of the discharge planning team
- The postoperative patient management includes all aspects of writing postoperative orders, providing ongoing clinical care; documenting the postoperative course and planning for discharge

Assessment plan:

Part A: Postoperative Management
Direct or indirect observation by supervisor

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:
- Stage of management: post-op orders; clinical management; documentation of post-op course; discharge planning
- Hospital stay: day surgery; same day admit; inpatients
- Surgical complexity: major procedure; minor procedure
- Patient complexity: low; medium; high

Collect 8 observations of achievement
- At least 2 from each stage of management
- A range of hospital stays
- A range of patient complexity
- At least 4 different assessors

Part B: Collaborative Care
Multiple observers from discharge planning team provide feedback individually, which is then collated to one report for Competence Committee review

Use Form 3. Form collects information on:
- Role: resident; faculty; nurse; other health professional

Collect feedback from at least 6 observers
- At least 2 different roles

Relevant milestones (Part A)

1. **F ME 1.3.1** Apply clinical and biomedical sciences to manage core patient presentations in surgical practice
2. **F ME 1.4.1** Perform focused clinical assessments with recommendations that are well-documented
3. **F ME 3.4.5** Perform post-procedural tasks in a timely, skillful, and safe manner
   - Perform appropriate wound closure and dressing care
4. **F ME 4.1.1** Coordinate investigation, treatment, and follow-up plans when
multiple physicians and healthcare professionals are involved

5 F ME 4.1.2 Ensure follow-up on results of investigation and response to treatment

6 F ME 4.1.4 Implement a post-operative care plan for patients with an uneventful postoperative course

7 F ME 5.2.1 Use cognitive aids such as procedural checklists, structured communication tools, or care paths, to enhance patient safety

8 F COM 3.1.1 Use strategies to verify and validate the understanding of the patient and family with regard to the diagnosis, prognosis, management plan and/or discharge plan

9 F COM 3.1.2 Plan and discuss appropriate post-operative, immediate and/or long-term care and issues with patients and families as appropriate

10 F COM 4.3.1 Answer questions from the patient and family about next steps

11 F COM 5.1.1 Document information about patients and their medical conditions in a manner that enhances intra- and interprofessional care

12 F COL 1.2.1 Describe the roles and scopes of practice of other health care providers related to surgical practice

13 F COL 1.3.1 Integrate the patient’s perspective and context into the collaborative care plan

14 F COL 3.2.2 Communicate with the patient’s primary health care professional about the patient’s care

15 F COL 3.2.3 Summarize the patient’s issues in the transfer summary, including plans to deal with the ongoing issues

16 F COL 3.2.4 Arrange for the appropriate resources and allied health care assistance to be available for the surgical patient

17 F L 1.4.1 Access supports and notification processes to enhance patient safety in their institution

18 F HA 1.2.1 Select patient education resources related to surgical practice

19 F HA 1.3.2 Incorporate disease prevention, health promotion, and health surveillance into interactions with individual patients

• Perform screening for
  o Child abuse
  o Elder abuse
  o Domestic violence

20 F P 2.2.1 Demonstrate a commitment to patient safety and quality improvement through adherence to institutional policies and procedures, and clinical practice guidelines

Relevant milestones (Part B)

1 F COL 1.2.1 Describe the roles and scopes of practice of other health care providers related to surgical practice

2 F COL 1.3.1 Integrate the patient’s perspective and context into the collaborative care plan

3 F COL 2.1.1 Actively listen to and engage in interactions with collaborators

4 F COL 3.2.4 Arrange for the appropriate resources and allied health care assistance to be available for the surgical patient

5 F HA 1.1.1 Demonstrate an approach to working with patients to advocate for health services or resources

6 F P 4.1.3 Demonstrate an ability to regulate attention, emotions, thoughts, and behaviours while maintaining capacity to perform professional tasks