**Surgical Foundations: Foundations EPA #8**

**Managing postoperative patients with complications**

**Key Features:**
- This EPA may include any of the following complications: post-op fever; low urine output; hypotension; chest pain; shortness of breath; bleeding; delirium; ileus

**Assessment plan:**
Indirect observation by supervisor with review of clinic note

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:
- Type of complication: post-op fever; low urine output; hypotension; chest pain; shortness of breath; bleeding; delirium; ileus
- Hemodynamic status: stable; unstable

Collect 8 observations of achievement
- At least 4 different complications
- At least 3 assessors

**Relevant milestones**

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 1.4.2 Recognize urgent problems that may need the involvement of more experienced colleagues and seek their assistance immediately
4. F ME 2.2.1 Develop a specific differential diagnosis relevant to the patient’s presentation
5. F ME 2.2.2 Select and/or interpret appropriate investigations and/or imaging with sufficient attention to clinical details
6. F ME 3.3.1 Consider urgency and potential for deterioration, in advocating for the timely execution of a procedure or therapy
7. F ME 4.1.1 Coordinate investigation, treatment, and follow-up plans when multiple physicians and healthcare professionals are involved
8. F ME 4.1.2 Ensure follow-up on results of investigation and response to treatment
9. F ME 4.1.5 Implement a post-operative care plan for patients with a complicated post-operative course
10. F ME 4.1.8 Identify the needs of the patient and appropriately consult other health professionals as indicated
11. F ME 5.1.5 Recognize the occurrence of a patient safety incident
12. 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
13. F COM 3.1.2 Plan and discuss appropriate postoperative, immediate and/or long-term care and issues with patients and families as appropriate
14. F COM 3.2.1 Describe the steps in providing disclosure after a patient safety incident
15  **F COM 5.1.3** Document clinical encounters to adequately convey clinical reasoning and the rationale for decisions

16  **TD COL 1.1.1** Receive and appropriately respond to input from other health care professionals

17  **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