

Operative experience

Trainee: Enter your electronic logbook totals* for the total number of procedures that you have performed since you began surgical training (BST and HST) in the first three columns

Enter your electronic logbook totals* for the number of procedures that you have performed during this training period in the three 'Experience this period' columns.

- * **P** Performed without direct supervision (**or supervising a junior trainee**)
 PA Performed with supervision by a senior trainee or consultant (supervisor at table
 or in the theatre ie a consolidation of all logbook categories apart from P & A)
 A Assisting a senior trainee or consultant

(Note: Regardless of their level of competence, trainers are reminded that trainees can only operate under the direction of a named consultant.)

Operative competence grading

Trainer(s): Rate the trainee's competence to perform each procedure at the end of this training period according to the following rating scale:

- U** Unknown (not assessed) during this training period
A Competent to perform the procedure unsupervised (can deal with complications)
B Does not usually require supervision but may need help occasionally
C Able to perform the procedure under supervision
D Unable to perform the entire procedure under supervision

Use the following checklist of core skills to help you when making your assessment*:

- Checks patient case record and that **consent** has been obtained
- **Communicates** well with the theatre team
- Thorough **preparation** (marking, catheter, antibiotics etc)
- Good **scrub** and aseptic technique
- **Positions** patient correctly on operating table
- Makes appropriate **incision(s)**
- Purposeful **dissection** in correct tissue planes
- Demonstrates sound knowledge of **anatomy**
- Familiar with all the **steps** of the procedure
- Uses the correct **instruments** efficiently
- Handles dangerous instruments **safely**
- Uses **assistant(s)** to the best advantage
- Possesses good hand-eye **co-ordination**
- Handles tissues **gently and dextrously**
- Reliable **suturing and knotting** techniques
- **Sound repair** or anastomosis
- Uses **diathermy** appropriately and safely
- Able to **control bleeding** by suction, clips or sutures
- **Closes wound** neatly and securely
- **Timeliness:** the procedure is unhurried but with no unnecessary delay
- Good documentation (**operation note and postop. instructions**)

(*Not all of these will apply to every procedure)