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Resident Assessment Tools

AOA Educational Process, Outcomes and Assessments Committee

Tool# 2

OSCE - Informed Consent

Obtaining informed consent for surgical procedures is an important competency for orthopaedic surgeons. This skill encompasses several of the ACGME mandated core competencies including communication skills, professionalism, medical knowledge and systems of practice. The committee has developed an observed informed consent tool for assessment of residents during a clinical encounter with a patient during which the resident obtains informed consent for a surgical procedure.

Tool Origin and Modification

- a. This tool was developed by the committee.
- b. It was designed to provide summative and formative feedback to residents and emphasize the importance of this patient interaction.
- c. It will provide program directors an assessment tool for several of the six competencies.

Committee Experience

- a. Residents were very receptive to this evaluation and felt it was important.
- b. Some committee members used direct observation and others used video recordings.
- c. One committee member had the form filled out by nurses in the work up pre surgical area.
- d. Most residents received favorable scores.

Recommended Use of the Tool

- a. The form can be completed by attendings, nurses, or physician's assistants familiar with the patient's condition, the alternatives, and the informed consent process.
- b. The resident patient interaction may be directly observed or videotaped for evaluation and to provide feedback.
- c. We would suggest observing the resident obtaining a consent for an operative procedure either on an annual or biannual basis.
- d. The results should be discussed with the resident as a formative evaluation that provides advice for subsequent improvement.