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Resident Assessment Tools
AOA Educational Process, Outcomes and Assessments Committee

Tool# 2

OSCE - Informed Consent

1. An evaluation tool proposed by the ACGME for the evaluation of competencies is the observed structured clinical examination (**OSCE**). Often this utilizes standardized patients. The Committee recognizes the particular challenges in evaluating orthopaedic residents using this model. Instead, we propose the use of this assessment tool during the informed consent process.
2. The competencies being tested are:
 - i. Professionalism*
 - ii. Communication Skills*
 - iii. Medical Knowledge*
 - iv. Patient Care*
 - v. Systems Based Practice.*
3. 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. The resident patient interaction may be directly observed or videotaped for evaluation and to provide feedback.
4. We would suggest observing the resident obtaining a consent for an operative procedure either on a annual or biannual basis, completing the form, and discussing the results with the resident as a formative evaluation that provides advice for subsequent improvement.