

# EPA Program Implementation Checklist

## TRAINEE

### STARTING

- ✓ Consider signing up to be an [EPA Program Champion](#)
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with EPAs via [content on ABS website](#) and engagement with local development programming at your program
- ✓ Become familiar with the specific phases of the EPAs and consider the context in which you will be observed performing them (e.g., clinic, ER, OR, floor, ICU)
- ✓ Review [ABS EPA App Demo](#)
- ✓ Review [additional EPA resources](#) available on ABS website
- ✓ Review and register for [upcoming webinars](#)
- ✓ Take ownership of triggering request for an assessment after any interaction with faculty pertaining to one of the EPAs
- ✓ Participate in faculty development sessions and prepare to assess junior trainees yourself on EPAs
- ✓ Be prepared to be assessed by faculty as they become familiar with using and applying EPAs

### SCALING

- ✓ Monitor your total number of assessments completed in the app
- ✓ Follow up with faculty who do not complete assessments reminding them to do so
- ✓ Promote discussion of entrustment and progression based on EPA behaviors in your conversations with faculty before and after interactions with them
- ✓ Watch for dashboard reports to be available in the fall regarding your collective progress based on EPA assessments
- ✓ Celebrate high performance of colleagues and faculty in capturing assessments

### SUSTAINING

- ✓ You will be required to turn in a composite of performance across all EPAs at the time of application for your specialty area written exam commencing as follows:
  - General Surgery: 2028
  - Vascular Surgery: 2029
  - Surgical Critical Care: 2027
  - Complex General Surgical Oncology: 2028
  - Pediatric Surgery: 2028
- ✓ Other trainees should use the EPA assessments to inform their progress and discussions with faculty around progression toward practice-ready performance
- ✓ Consider giving awards to high performing faculty and trainee colleagues
- ✓ Provide feedback to ABS and EPA Program Champions about value of tool and recommendations for improvement



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