# EPA Program Implementation Checklist

## 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).
- **✓** Consider which services each EPA will apply to in your rotation schedule.
- **✓** Review [ABS EPA App Demo](#).
- **✓** Review additional EPA resources available on ABS website.
- **✓** 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: 2026
  - Complex General Surgical Oncology: 2027
  - Pediatric Surgery: 2027
- **✓** 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.