



EPA Worksheet for Clinical Competency Committees

General Surgery



Overview

The Excel spreadsheet linked at the end of this document is a tool to help Clinical Competency Committees (CCCs) record summative entrustment decisions for each resident in their program based on the formative feedback obtained through EPA microassessments in the previous six months.

It is also the tool that will form the basis of use as a part of the application for the ABS General Surgery Qualifying Examination in 2028 and beyond.

Instructions

Each EPA is listed in the left-most column with its various phases by row, including a row for overall entrustment.

Please pick an entrustment level from the dropdown menu representing the summative entrustment decision for each phase, then the number of formative microassessments informing that decision for the previous six months (both faculty and resident). In the next column, list the number of faculty that have contributed to these microassessments.

Definitions

EPA name: all 18 EPAs are listed in the first column

Phase: EPAs with more than one phase will have all phases listed so an entrustment level can be input for each

Summative Entrustment: the CCC decision on the resident's entrustment for the relevant phase or overall EPA based on the microassessments available in the last six months

Number of assessments: number of microassessments, both resident and faculty, that have been

Then, please select an overall summative entrustment decision for the EPA as a whole. It is not necessary to fill out the number of microassessments for the overall entrustment decision (row).

FAQs

If you do not have enough information for either the entrustment by phase or the overall entrustment decision, please enter "N/A."

The overall entrustment decision is a holistic decision by the CCC based on entrustment by phase as well as other information that may be available to the CCC.

If there have been no microassessments for PGY-1 residents, please fill out "N/A" in the entrustment rating column.

If there have been no microassessments in the previous six months for residents beyond the PGY-1 level, please use the previous entrustment level (from the last CCC meeting) and put "0" for the number of formative microassessments and the number of contributing faculty.

completed for the resident in the last six months

Number of faculty: number of unique faculty that have completed the assessments for this resident in the last six months

Overall entrustment: the overall entrustment rating for the entire EPA, taking into consideration all phases and any additional information the CCC might have

[Access the Excel spreadsheet to complete the worksheet HERE.](#)