

THE ABS EPA PROJECT

COMING JULY 2023

Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)

In February 2022, the ABS announced the move to competency-based assessment of surgical trainees with the introduction of the ABS Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) Project, launching in July 2023 for general surgery programs.

EPA

Not the Environmental Protection Agency. We're talking about Entrustable Professional Activities—part of a competency-based assessment of surgical trainees.



This is when the ABS will launch EPAs for general surgery residency programs nationwide.

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The number of EPAs piloted at 28 residency programs between 2018 and 2020.

- RLQ pain/Appendicitis
- Gallbladder disease
- Inguinal hernia
- Evaluation/initial management of a trauma patient
- Provide general surgery consultation

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The number of general surgery EPAs being developed.

- RLQ pain/Appendicitis
- Benign or malignant breast disease
- Benign or malignant colon disease
- Gallbladder disease
- Inguinal hernia
- Abdominal wall hernia
- Acute abdomen
- Benign anorectal disease
- Small bowel obstruction
- Thyroid and parathyroid disease
- Dialysis access
- Soft tissue infection
- Cutaneous and subcutaneous neoplasms
- Severe acute or necrotizing pancreatitis
- Perioperative care of the critically ill surgery patient
- Flexible GI Endoscopy
- Evaluation/initial management of a trauma patient
- Provide general surgery consultation



SIMPL

The ABS EPA Project's mobile platform is being developed by the SIMPL Collaborative.

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There is no cost for programs to use the EPA mobile platform. The ABS is underwriting the costs of the app for all general surgery programs nationwide.



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For more information about Entrustable Professional Activities for general surgery, visit [ABSurgery.org](https://www.ABSurgery.org) and click on the EPAs link.