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## Program Director's Training Course.

# PDTC-7: ACGME Core Competencies; Education and Assessment.

### The Six Competencies

- Patient Care
- Medical Knowledge
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems Based Practice
- Practice Based Learning and Improvement

### Competencies

- Common definitions
- Specialty specific definitions
- Need to develop specific evaluation tools for each
- Based on these tools, adjustments to the curriculum need to be performed

### Medical Knowledge

- Demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical, clinical, epidemiological, social-behavioral sciences, as well as the application of this knowledge to patient care
- The concept of CME needs to be emphasized
- Educational objectives:
  - Help residents develop efficient ways to obtain medical information
  - Help them focus on valuable sources of medical information such in clinical practice guidelines
  - Faculty needs to be aware of MK goals and objectives
  - Objectives should be measurable by the behaviors
  - Quizzes, in training exams, bedside questioning

### **Patient Care**

- Should be compassionate, appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health problems and the promotion of health
- Multiple elements including
  - H&P, Assessment and Plan
  - Cultural competency and sensitivity
  - Communication skills verbal and written
  - Use of IT
  - Use of social services
  - Pursue patient safety

### **Patient Care**

- Educational objectives: in different clinical settings:
  - Surgical suite: on proper surgical procedures
  - Hospital:
    - Morning reports
    - Hospital rounds
    - Multidisciplinary conferences
  - Ambulatory care:
    - Clinic rotations
    - Continuity clinics
    - Opportunity for direct observation
  - Case conferences:
    - Exercise to discuss different patient care approaches
    - M&M helps to identify errors in a constructive manner

#### Healthcare Matrix for a Patient with Pregnancy and Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy

IOM	SAFE <sup>1</sup>	TIMELY <sup>2</sup>	EFFECT <b>I</b> VE <sup>3</sup>	EFF <b>I</b> CIENT⁴	EQU <b>I</b> TABLE <sup>5</sup>	PATIENT- CENTERED <sup>6</sup>
Assessment of Care						
L PATIENT CARE <sup>7</sup> (Overall Assessment)	Despite direct medical attention, patient nearly died from hemorrhagic shock	Life saving treatment was delayed for variety of reasons	Delays in treatment impaired effectiveness of therapy	Resources (blood products, staff time) were not utilized in an efficient manner.	Did patient's ethnicity, socio- economic, education status influence the level of care she received? Did the time of night influence care?	Patient was not adequately apprised of her own health problems and did not participate fully in her care decisions
■. a MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE <sup>®</sup> (What must I know)	Priorities in hemorrhagic shock are ABC: ensure oxygen delivery, support BP, aggressive IV resuscitation, treat cause	Hemorrhagic shock is life-threatening emergency: Prompt diagnosis, recognize urgency, initiate therapy, incl. timely transport to OR. Diagnosis was made late. No urgency to treat. Delay in contacting Anesth. Inadequate assistance in transport to OR	D.I.C. in pregnancy: Physiology, diagnosis, causes, treatment, Regional v. General Anesth? Post resuscitation pulmonary edema. Hypocalcemia due to massive transfusion. Invasive monitoring indications. Pharmacology of uterotonic drugs.	Survival in postpartum hemorrhage requires aggressive IV resuscitation: always consider combining procedures (start 2 <sup>nd</sup> IV while drawing blood sample for transfusion cross match).		
III. b INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS <sup>9</sup> (What must II say)	Safety is jeopardized unless team members are fully apprised of patient's condition (blood loss following delivery, vital signs, plans for intervention),	Orders (blood cross match) must be prioritized and fully implemented in a timely fashion.	Effectiveness of life- saving intervention depends on effective communication between team members.	Communications of a defensive or argumentative nature are counter-productive to efficient and sage care. The focus should be patient care, with analysis of misunderstandings at a later time.		Must communicate patient's condition and intended interventions (blood transfusion, emergency hysterectomy), and in a way that is understandable and useful to the patient, respecting patient autonomy,
II. c PROFESSIONALISM <sup>10</sup> (How must II act)			Professional duty to accompany critically ill patient to the OR, to ensure safety, and to expedite therapy.		Patient's ethnic, socio-economic, "service patient" status should have no effect on quality of care.	Professional duty to attempt to preserve patient autonomy (make sure patient understands situation and interventions)
■. d SYSTEM-BASED PRACTICE <sup>11</sup> (On whom do I depend and who depends on me)	System must ensure that appropriate consultants are notified when needed to ensure safety in life-threatening medical condition.	During postpartum bleeding, type & cross match must be drawn, sent, and verified promptly. Failure to do so threatens life.	Failures to draw, send, and verify cross match blood sample jeopardizes effectiveness of life- saving therapy.		Standard of care should not vary due to differences in staffing that results from time of day / night (availability of lab medicine physician, timely transport of blood samples, adequate number & expertise of obstetrics, anesthesiology, & nursing staff)	
Improvement Improvement						
PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING AND MPROVEMENT <sup>12</sup> (How must I improve)	Policy and procedure changed for Mom/Child in trouble	Revise the criteria for and system of communicating urgent/emergent request for Anesthesiology consultation	Departmental Teaching Conference on management of parturient with D.I.C.	Procedure out <b>l</b> ined for fastest prep for OR		Increased awareness of need to consider patient centeredness even in emergent or crisis situations. Communication with father / family members when appropriate and possible.
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Figure 1. The use of the Healthcare Matrix to analyze a complex episode of care that took place in the course of 18 hours and involved a life-threatening situation is described in Example 1. The most important cells are outlined. ACGME, Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education; IOM, Institute of Medicine; IV, intravenous; OR, operating room. The IOM dimensions of care and the ACGME Core Competencies are explained in the legend for Figure 2.

	Patient care competency						
Resident name: _	lent name: Date:						
Assessment and evaluation	Inadequate history Performs minimal examina- tion Major ommission in data collection	Some omissions Lacks supporting details Difficulty in interpreting data	Obtains necessary information Performs basic examinations Able to interpret data	Obtains extensive historical information Performs complete examinations Effectively integrates data	Obtains extensive historical information Performs complete physical examination Performs assessment and integrates data beyond training level		
Ability to develop rapport with patients	Frequently unable to engage patient in interview Disrespectful	Has frequent difficulty in engaging patient in interview	Makes patient comfortable so that they will engage in conversation Respectful of patient	Very respectful to patients Makes patient comfortable so they talk easily Able to elicit cooperation with patients even in difficult situations	Very respectful to patient Patient obviously feels comfortable Works well even with difficult patients		
Treatment planning	Difficulty assimilating histori- cal and examination data into a practical treatment plan	Needs significant help to formulate a practical treat- ment plan	Satisfactory ability to as- similate data into a practical treatment plan	Excellent ability to assimilate date into a practical treatment plan	Outstanding ability to as- similate data into a practical treatment plan Maximize outcomes		
Pharmacotherapy	Has little concept in appropri- ate use of medication Oblivious to drug interaction	Inconsistently uses medication Poor appreciation of drug interaction	Prescribes standard medica- tion at reasonable doses Appropriate monitoring of drug treatment and common side-effects	Prescribes more than just the standard medication appropriately Appropriately monitors and treats side-effects	Excellent prescriptions of medications Alert to side-effects and drug-to-drug interaction beyond training level		
Patient communication and education	No communication with patients or family Patient often confused about treatment No informed consent	Patient and family sometimes unclear or confused about treatment Technical terms overused	Consistently explains diagnosis, treatment risks, and benefits in terms understanding to patients and families Considers patient input and preferences	Always explains diagnosis, treatment risks, and benefits in terms understandable to patients and family Always considers input and preferences of patients Able to establish rapport even with difficult patients	Adapts style to satisfy all patients Elicits confidence even with difficult patients Ability beyond expected level of training		
Management of the operative patient	Often takes patient to OR without appropriate workup (history, examination, lab) Handles tissue roughly Inadequate postoperative care No informed consent	Significant factors missed in preoperative evaluation Inadequate consent Sometimes handles tissue roughly Superficial in post-operative care	Appropriate pre-operative preparation Handles tissue appropriately Consent accurate and complete Appropriate post-operative care	Patient always appropriately prepared for OR Handles tissue appropriately Consent accurate and complete Excellent post-operative care	Patient always appropriately prepared for OR Handles tissue appropriately Consent accurate and complete Functions beyond level of training		
Comments:							
Resident signature: Program Director signature:							

### Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- Two skill sets:
  - Communication:
    - Verbal, non verbal, and written
    - With patients and families
    - Health care personnel
  - Interpersonal:
    - Teamwork
    - Comforting patients
    - Ability to accept criticism
    - Ability to perceive others' reaction to you

### Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- Educational objectives:
  - Avoid:
    - Patient abandonment
    - Devaluation of patients view point
    - Lack of patient understanding of information given by physician
    - Failure to understand the patient's perspective
  - Promote:
    - Show respect and good communication skills with anyone you interact with.
    - Maintain consistent behavior including during stressful times
    - Self reflect on good and poor outcomes
  - Teaching formats:
    - Small group discussions, lectures, simulation, role modeling

### Practice Based Learning and Improvement

- Self life long learning and quality improvement
- Educational objectives:
  - Identify strengths and weaknesses
  - Have learning objectives and performance goals.
  - Engage then apply then check for improvement then engage again and do on
  - Learning activities: books, videos, simulation.
  - Emphasize need for home study
  - Use quality improvement methods
  - Instruct faculty to give feedback to residents
  - Have residents develop teaching skills (RAT)

### Systems-Based Practice

- Awareness and responsiveness to the larger context and system of healthcare and to call on the resources in the system.
- Educational objectives:
  - Advocacy for patient care improvement
  - Coordination of patient care with the system
  - Education of cost of caring: medications, coding, etc.
  - Work with teams to improve patient care
  - Participate in identifying errors and provide solutions

### Professionalism

- "Doing the right thing"
- Ethics.
- Educational objectives:
  - Commitment
    - To improve his or her personal character, more than only rule following
      - Technical: just follow the local culture
      - Non reflective: believe in them but behavior not displayed
      - Compassionate and responsive
  - Adherence:
    - Care is a continuum
  - Sensitivity:
    - Competency to care for a diverse patient population

### Professionalism

#### Tools:

- Recognition of excellent professional behavior
- Code of conduct
- Professionalism and mission statement
- Role modeling
- Peer evaluations
- Unacceptable behaviors:
  - Dishonesty
  - Substance abuse
  - Sexual misconduct
  - Lack of self-learning

Figure 6.4: Sample professionalism assessment form

Honesty/Integrity	Inappropriate (Too	Appropriate	Inappropriate (Too
	little)		much)
1. Truthfulness	☐ Misrepresents	☐ Displays honesty,	☐ Displays
	position/status;	forthrightness, and	insensitivity and
	misuses resources;	trustworthiness	tactlessness
	falsifies data,		
	plagiarizes, cheats,		
	lies		
2. Adherence to	☐ Engages in	☐ Models ethical	☐ Appears
ethical principles	unethical behavior	behavior; confronts	sanctimonious and
	(e.g. acceptance of	or reports	intolerant; finds
	inappropriate gifts,	inappropriate	fault
	violation of	behavior in	
	professional	colleagues	
	boundaries, theft,		
	fraud); overlooks		
	inappropriate		
	behavior in		
	colleagues		

Responsibility,	Inappropriate (Too	Appropriate	Inappropriate (Too
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reliability, and	little)		much)
accountability			
3. Punctuality	☐ Is late; misses	☐ Is punctual;	☐ Emphasizes
	deadlines	meets deadlines	timelines at expense
			of thoroughness
4. Compliance	☐ Ignores policies,	☐ Follows policies,	☐ Displays
	procedures, rules,	procedures, rules,	inflexibility; rigidly
	and regulations;	regulations; attends	relies on rules to
	does not attend	required sessions	point of
	required sessions		obstructionism
5. Responsibility	☐ Avoids	☐ Appropriately	☐ Assumes too
	responsibility and	assumes	much responsibility,
	work	responsibility; asks	unable/unwilling to
		for help when	delegate
		necessary	
6. Accountability	☐ Makes excuses;	☐ Admits errors;	☐ Appears afraid to
	displaces blame;	accepts	act for fear of
	resists feedback;	responsibility for	making errors;
	appears defensive	actions; seeks and	assumes blames
		incorporates	inappropriately;
		feedback	requires constant
			reassurance and
			feedback
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Respect for others	Inappropriate (Too	Appropriate	Inappropriate (Too
	little)		much)
7. Appearance	☐ Displays poor	☐ Maintains neat	☐ Appears to dress
	hygiene; wears	personal appearance	to draw attention to
	dirty/sloppy clothes		self; although neat,
			dress is
			inappropriate for the
			occasion
8. Interactions	☐ Appears	☐ Respects	☐ Appears arrogant,
	insecure; unable to	authority and other	overconfident, and
	act independently	professionals;	demeaning
		appears	
		appropriately	
		confident; inspires	
		trust	
9. Teamwork	☐ Does not	☐ Works well with	☐ Appears
	participate	others	dominant,
			authoritarian,
			uncooperative, and
			overbearing

Altruism	Inappropriate (Too	Appropriate	Inappropriate (Too	

	little)		much)
10. Concern for	☐ Concern for self	☐ Shows	☐ Appears selfless
others	appears to supersede	appropriate concern	to point of taking
	concern for others;	for others; goes the	needless risks
	unwilling to extend	extra mile without	
	self	thought of reward	

Empathy	Inappropriate (Too	Appropriate	Inappropriate (Too
	little)		much)
11. Compassion	☐ Exhibits little	☐ Can put self "in	☐ Appears
	compassion for	others' shoes" but	emotionally over-
	others; at times	still maintain	responsive and
	appears cold,	objectivity	unduly empathetic,
	indifferent, and		resulting in an
	"heartless"		inability to be
			objective or
			effective

Commitment to	Inappropriate (Too	Appropriate	Inappropriate (Too
excellence	little)		much)
12. Goal-setting	☐ Appears aimless	☐ Sets and achieves	□ Sets
	and educationally	realistic goals	unachievable goals
	adrift		

13. Motivation	☐ Sets low	☐ Seeks additional	☐ Appears overly
	standards of	knowledge and	competitive;
	achievement and	skills and strives for	perfectionist
	appears complacent	excellence	
14. Comments:			3.
Signature of resident			Date
Signature of faculty m	nember or program dire	ector	Date
Source: Department of	f Obstetrics and Gyneco	ology, Carolinas Medica	l Center.

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#### Figure 6.5: Sample post-graduate year-1 evaluation form PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT Skilled Skill Skills need Skills not Skill decrement Little or significant apparent to below level of emerging training contact improvement Demonstrates a desire to learn Resident name: Rotation dates: Date of evaluation: Demonstrates the ability to learn from practice Critiques personal practice outcomes appropriate to level of training Demonstrates a recognition of the importance of lifelong learning in Hospital/Rotation: (List hospitals and rotations here) surgical practice Seeks and responds to feedback Evaluation done by: Signature of group scribe: PROFESSIONALISM Little or Skilled Skill Skills need Skills not Skill decrement Name of evaluator: Signature: emerging significant to below level of apparent training contact improvement Demonstrates a commitment to continuity of patient care Type of Evaluation: Satisfactory performance Displays a sense of responsibility and respect to patients, families, staff Amount of Daily regular contact Overall Rating: Contact Time: Frequent contact (3-4x/wk) Adequate performance and peers Maintains a professional appearance Needs significant improvement Occasional contact (1-2x/wk) Unsatisfactory performance Demonstrates cultural sensitivity Infrequent contact (2-3x/mo) SYSTEMS-BASED PRACTICE Little or Skilled Skill Skills need Skills not Skill decrement Please rate the resident on the following competencies. You will need to explain any outstanding or unsatisfactory choices. emerging significant apparent to below level of contact improvement training PATIENT CARE Little or Skilled Skills need Skills not Skill Demonstrates a knowledge of risk-benefit analysis appropriate to level of significant apparent decrement to emerging below level of improvement contact training MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE & CLINICAL SKILLS Little or Skilled Skill Skills need Skills not Skill decrement Demonstrates good interviewing skills significant to below level of emerging apparent Obtains a complete history and physical exam training contact improvement Demonstrates manual dexterity appropriate for level of training Critically evaluates and demonstrates knowledge of pertinent scientific Demonstrates ability to develop and execute patient care plans appropriate for level of training Demonstrates appropriate clinical skills for level of development Applies knowledge appropriately INTERPERSONAL & COMMUNICATION SKILLS Little or Skilled Skill Skills need Skills not Skill decrement significant to below level of emerging apparent contact improvement training Communicates effectively with attending and team Communicates effectively with other healthcare professionals Effectively documents practice activities appropriate to level of Supervises and teaches students

### Summary

- An essential component of GME
- Need to develop solid evaluation tools
- Need to continuously improve on these tools
- Will need to show outcomes at your site visit

### **End of Presentation**