

Supplemental Guide: Pulmonary Disease



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Milestones Supplemental Guide

This document provides additional guidance and examples for the Pulmonary Disease Milestones. This is not designed to indicate any specific requirements for each level, but to provide insight into the thinking of the Milestone Work Group.

Included in this document is the intent of each Milestone and examples of what a Clinical Competency Committee (CCC) might expect to be observed/assessed at each level. Also included are suggested assessment models and tools for each subcompetency, references, and other useful information.

Review this guide with the CCC and faculty members. As the program develops a shared mental model of the Milestones, consider creating an individualized guide (Supplemental Guide Template available) with institution/program-specific examples, assessment tools used by the program, and curricular components.

Additional tools and references, including the Milestones Guidebook, Clinical Competency Committee Guidebook, and Milestones Guidebook for Residents and Fellows, are available on the Resources page of the Milestones section of the ACGME website.

Milestone Levels:

Milestones are arranged into levels. Tracking from Level 1 to Level 5 is synonymous with moving from novice to expert in the subspecialty. For each reporting period, the Clinical Competency Committee will review the completed evaluations to select the milestone levels that best describe each learner's current performance, abilities, and attributes for each subcompetency.

These levels *do not* correspond with post-graduate year of education. Depending on previous experience, a junior fellow may achieve higher levels early in his/her educational program just as a senior fellow may be at a lower level later in his/her educational program. There is no predetermined timing for a fellow to attain any particular level. Fellows may also regress in achievement of their milestones. This may happen for many reasons, such as over scoring in a previous review, a disjointed experience in a particular procedure, or a significant act by the fellow.

Supervision requirements:

Direct Supervision: the supervising physician is physically present with the fellow and patient.

Indirect Supervision with Direct Supervision Immediately Available: the supervising physician is physically within the hospital or other site of patient care, and is immediately available to provide Direct Supervision.

Indirect Supervision with Direct Supervision Available: the supervising physician is not physically present within the hospital or other site of patient care but is immediately available to provide Direct Supervision by means of telephonic and/or electronic modalities.

Glossary of Terms

Oversight: the supervising physician is available to provide review of procedures/encounters with feedback provided after care is delivered.

Substantial Guidance: the supervising physician must provide extensive corrective suggestions, elaboration, or, for procedures, step in to assist or demonstrates some or all of the steps.

Independently: the supervising physician may have a few additional suggestions, but the interaction is more like a peer-to-peer discussion about a patient.

Levels between "substantial guidance" and "independently" assume graduated levels of independence and sophistication of the learner, with guidance and supervision appropriate to the skill of the learner.

Patient Care 1: History and Physical Examination Overall Intent: To perform a comprehensive, specialty-specific history and physical exam	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Obtains specialty-specific, detailed, and accurate history from patients with common disorders, with substantial guidance	Requires attending-level advice for obtaining relevant occupational history
Performs a specialty-specific, detailed, and accurate physical exam on patients with common disorders, with substantial guidance	Needs reminders when performing pulmonary exam to assess for finger clubbing, supraclavicular node exam, or thoracic abnormalities
Level 2 Obtains specialty-specific, detailed, and accurate history from patients with common disorders	Asks about workplace environment for patient with asthma symptoms
Performs a specialty-specific, detailed, and accurate physical exam on patients with common disorders	Assesses for finger clubbing in a patient with history of a lung mass
Level 3 Obtains specialty-specific, detailed, and accurate history from multiple sources for patients with complex disorders	Obtains a detailed occupational history and prior imaging in a patient with interstitial lung disease
Elicits specialty-specific signs while performing a detailed and accurate physical exam on patients with complex disorders	Assesses for diaphragmatic excursion using ultrasound or percussion in a patient with a lung mass and hoarseness
Level 4 Independently and efficiently obtains a specialty-specific, detailed, and accurate history from multiple sources for patients with complex disorders	Gets a detailed and multisource history for multiple new complex pulmonary patients in their outpatient clinic setting and finish clinic on time
Independently and efficiently elicits specialty- specific signs while performing a detailed and accurate physical exam on patients with complex disorders	Performs a detailed and accurate physical exam for multiple new complex pulmonary inpatients and finish their shift on time
Level 5 Independently obtains a specialty- specific, detailed, and accurate history from multiple sources for patients with rare disorders	 Asks for a detailed family history of pneumothorax and renal cell carcinoma in a patient with Birt-Hogg-Dubé syndrome

Independently elicits specialty-specific signs while performing a detailed and accurate physical exam on patients with complex or rare disorders in clinically difficult circumstances	Recognizes fibrofollicular skin adenomas in a patient with a spontaneous pneumothorax and makes a diagnosis of Birt-Hogg-Dubé syndrome
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation Medical record (chart) review Multisource feedback Observable structured clinical examination (OSCE) Simulation Standardized patients
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 Fink MP, Vincent JL, Moore FA. Textbook of Critical Care. 7th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier; 2017. Grippi M, Elias J, Fishman J, Pack A, Senior R, Kotloff R. Fishman's Pulmonary Diseases and Disorders. 5th ed. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Education; 2015. Layon AJ, Gabrielli A, Yu Mihae, Wood KE. Civetta, Taylor, & Kirby's Critical Care Medicine. 5th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2018. Mason RJ, Slutsky A, Murray JF, et al. Murray & Nadel's Textbook of Respiratory Medicine. 6th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier; 2015. Parrillo JE, Dellinger RP. Critical Care Medicine: Principles of Diagnosis and Management in the Adult. 5th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier; 2019. Substantial guidance implies direct observation and/or real-time oversight/supervision Weinberger SE, Cockrill BA, Mandel J. Principles of Pulmonary Medicine. 7th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier; 2018.

Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Manages common pulmonary disorders in hospitalized patients, with substantial guidance	Needs attending staff advice to undertake management of a cystic fibrosis patient during an exacerbation
Manages common pulmonary disorders in ambulatory patients	Requires attending staff advice to distinguish asthma from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and recommend appropriate therapy
Provides pulmonary consultation for patients with common pulmonary disorders, with substantial guidance	Requires attending staff assistance to provide differential diagnosis and recommendations for a consult regarding a patient with hospital acquired pneumonia
Level 2 Manages common pulmonary disorders in hospitalized patients	Manages an uncomplicated cystic fibrosis patient during an exacerbation
Manages common pulmonary disorders in ambulatory patients and mitigates their disease risk factors	Distinguishes asthma from COPD and recommend appropriate therapy including counseling on smoking cessation, necessary vaccinations, and avoidance of environmental exposures
Provides pulmonary consultation for patients with common pulmonary disorders	Provides differential diagnosis and recommendations for a consult regarding a patient with hospital acquired pneumonia
Level 3 Manages complex pulmonary disorders in hospitalized patients	Provides appropriate recommended therapy for a hospitalized patient with pulmonary hypertension with minimal input from attending
Manages pulmonary disorders in ambulatory patients with complex comorbidities and mitigates their disease risk factors	Provides appropriate recommended therapy and counseling for an obese patient with hypersensitivity pneumonitis with minimal input from attending
Provides pulmonary consultation for patients with complex pulmonary disorders	Provides appropriate recommendations for the patient with interstitial lung disease awaiting surgery on the general surgery service
Level 4 Independently manages complex pulmonary disorders in hospitalized patients	Provides appropriate recommended therapy for a hospitalized patient with pulmonary hypertension rarely requiring modification to initial plan

Independently manages complex ambulatory patients with pulmonary disorders and mitigates their disease risk factors	Provides appropriate recommended therapy and counseling for an obese patient with hypersensitivity pneumonitis rarely requiring modification to initial plan
Independently triages and prioritizes pulmonary consultation for multiple patients	Provides consultative advice on a hypoxic emergency room patient prior to consulting on a stable patient with an asthma exacerbation on the floor
Level 5 Independently manages complex pulmonary disorders in hospitalized patients and coordinates interdisciplinary care plans	Coordinates and provides appropriate care for a hospitalized patient with advanced lung disease awaiting lung transplant
Independently manages complex ambulatory patients with pulmonary disorders, mitigates their disease risk factors, and coordinates interdisciplinary care plans	Coordinates and provides appropriate care for a patient with history of pulmonary hypertension who is now pregnant including balancing the risks of medication management to the risks of the fetus
Independently triages and prioritizes pulmonary consultation including reconciling conflicting consultative recommendations to optimize patient care	Facilitates consensus on the appropriate treatment of a patient who may require pulse dose steroids in the face of possible infection while managing other active consults
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation
	Medical record (chart) review
	Multisource feedback
	• OSCE
	Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	•
Notes or Resources	 Buckley JD, Addrizzo-Harris DJ, Clay AS, et al. Multisociety task force recommendations of competencies in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2009;180(4):290-295. https://www.atsjournals.org/doi/full/10.1164/rccm.200904-0521ST?url-ver=Z39.88-2003𝔯_id=ori%3Arid%3Acrossref.org𝔯_dat=cr_pub%3Dpubmed. 2020. Kritek PA, Richards JB. Medical Education in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine: Advanced Concepts and Strategies (Respiratory Medicine). 1st ed.
	Switzerland; 2019.
	Substantial guidance implies direct observation and/or real-time oversight/supervision

Patient Care 3: Pre-Procedure Assessment Overall Intent: To counsel patients regarding indications, risks, benefits, and alternatives of common procedures	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Identifies indications for procedures and their risks, benefits, and alternatives	Identifies that a patient has a new pleural effusion that may benefit from thoracentesis
Level 2 Assesses indications, risks, benefits and weighs alternatives in low- to moderate-risk situations	Weighs the risks and benefits of a thoracentesis for a new pleural effusion in a patient without comorbidities
Level 3 Assesses indications, risks, benefits and weighs alternatives in high-risk situations	Weighs the risks and benefits of a thoracentesis for a new pleural effusion in a patient with severe bullous emphysema
Level 4 Independently assesses indications, risks, benefits and weighs alternatives in high-risk situations and acts to mitigate modifiable risk factors	Weighs the risks and benefits of a thoracentesis for a new pleural effusion in a patient with coagulopathy and proactively decides when to hold the anticoagulation and use real-time ultrasound
Level 5 Recognized by peers as an expert in procedural assessment	Is considered an expert when other fellows encounter a loculated pleural effusion
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation (with checklist) OSCE Simulation with task trainers
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 American Society of Anesthesiologists Task Force on Central Venous Access, Rupp SM, Apfelbaum JL, et al. Practice guidelines for central venous access: a report by the American Society of Anesthesiologists Task Force on Central Venous Access. <i>Anesthesiology</i>. 2012;116(3):539-573. https://anesthesiology.pubs.asahq.org/article.aspx?articleid=24434158 ga=2.100960201. https://anesthesiology.pubs.asahq.org/article.aspx?articleid=24434158 ga=2.100960201. https://anesthesiology.pubs.asahq.org/article.aspx?articleid=24434158 ga=2.100960201.



Patient Care 4: Procedures (Invasive and Non-Invasive) Overall Intent: To safely and competently perform procedures and manage complications **Milestones Examples** Level 1 Performs simple procedures, with • Places central venous catheter under direct supervision assistance Interprets limited procedural results, with Requires faculty member assistance to identify lung sliding on thoracic ultrasound • Requires faculty assistance to interpret spirometry assistance Recognizes common complications • Recognizes hypoxemia following flexible bronchoscopy • Places a pulmonary artery catheter with direct assistance from supervisor Level 2 Performs complex procedures, with assistance • Requires faculty member assistance to perform comprehensive thoracic ultrasound exam Interprets comprehensive procedural results, • Requires faculty member assistance to interpret full pulmonary function testing with assistance Recognizes uncommon complications Recognizes pneumothorax following subclavian central venous catheter placement • Placement of a pulmonary artery catheter with supervisor oversight Level 3 Performs complex procedures, with minimal assistance Independently interprets comprehensive • Interprets lung sliding, A lines, and B lines independently on thoracic ultrasound • Independently interprets full pulmonary function testing procedural results Recognizes and manages complications, with • Recognizes pneumothorax following subclavian central venous catheter placement and places chest tube with direct assistance from supervisor oversight Level 4 Independently performs all procedures • Places pulmonary artery catheter independently in the current practice environment Independently interprets comprehensive • Independently identifies a complex pleural effusion on thoracic ultrasound procedural results and applies them to the • Independently interprets methacholine challenge testing in a patient with suspected patient's clinical context asthma • Recognizes pneumothorax following subclavian central venous catheter placement and Independently recognizes and manages complications places chest tube Level 5 Recognized by peers as a procedural • Is asked to place central venous catheter by peers after multiple failed attempts expert

Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation
	• OSCE
	Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 British Thoracic Society. Flexible Bronchoscopy. https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/quality-improvement/quality-standards for Invasive Procedures - Bronchoscopy and Pleural Procedures. <a "="" articles="" href="https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/quality-improvement/clinical-resources/interventional-procedures/national-safety-standards-for-invasive-procedures-bronchoscopy-and-pleural-procedures/. 2020. Davies C, Gleeson F, Davies R. BTS guidelines for the management of pleural infection. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1766018/. 2020. Ernst A, Wahidi MM, Read CA, et al. Adult bronchoscopy training. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1766018/. 2020. Ernst A, Wahidi MM, Read CA, et al. Adult bronchoscopy training. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1766018/. 2020. Ernst A, Wahidi MM, Read CA, et al. Adult bronchoscopy training. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1766018/. 2020. Feller-Kopman DJ, Reddy CB, DeCamp MM, et al. Management of malignant pleural effusions. An official ATS/STS/STR clinical practice guide. https://www.thoracic.org/statements/resources/lcod/mgmt-of-mpe-quideline.pdf. 2020. Individuals may achieve competency in different procedures at different rates, and this
	guideline.pdf. 2020

Medical Knowledge 1: Clinical Reasoning Overall Intent: To generate a focused and prioritized differential diagnosis while consciously avoiding errors due to cognitive bias	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Synthesizes a specialty-specific, analytic, and prioritized differential diagnosis for common presentations, with substantial guidance	Needs prompting to develop a complete differential diagnosis of wheezing
Identifies types of clinical reasoning errors within patient care, with substantial guidance	When pointed out by an attending, recognizes that a finding was overlooked because fellow accepted a radiology report without reviewing the film
Level 2 Synthesizes a specialty-specific, analytic, and prioritized differential diagnosis for common presentations	Develops a complete differential diagnosis of wheezing
Identifies types of clinical reasoning errors within patient care	Recognizes that a finding was overlooked because a radiology report was accepted without reviewing the film
Level 3 Synthesizes a specialty-specific, analytic, and prioritized differential diagnosis for complex presentations	Develops a comprehensive differential diagnosis of post-operative pleural effusion
Applies clinical reasoning principles to retrospectively identify cognitive errors	Recognizes that anchoring bias led them to a misdiagnosis of left heart failure in a patient who actually had chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension
Level 4 Synthesizes information to reach high- probability and/or high-risk diagnoses and anticipates potential complications in patient care	Gathers and evaluates all data and applies clinical practice guidelines and patient preferences to determine course of action for an indeterminate pleural effusion
Continually re-appraises one's clinical reasoning to prospectively minimize cognitive errors and manage uncertainty	Adjusts original differential diagnosis for indeterminate pleural effusion based on new information from subsequent follow up computed tomography (CT) scan
Level 5 Recognized by peers as an expert diagnostician	Is often consulted by colleagues on difficult cases
Coaches others to recognize and avoid cognitive errors	• Tactfully redirects a resident who is confident in their diagnosis of heart failure in a patient who actually has diaphragmatic paralysis
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation

	 In-service examination Medical record (chart) review Multisource feedback OSCE Simulation Standardized patients
Curriculum Mapping	•
Notes or Resources	 The Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine (SIDM). Assessment of Reasoning Tool. https://www.improvediagnosis.org/art/. 2020. SIDM. Driver Diagram. https://www.improvediagnosis.org/consensus Curriculum on Diagnosis and Diagnostic Error.: https://www.improvediagnosis.org/consensuscurriculum/ 2020.

Medical Knowledge 2: Scientific Knowledge of Disease and Therapeutics	
Overall Intent: To recognize, apply, and teach scientific knowledge, pharmacology, and therapeutics of pulmonary and/or critical care medicine	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates scientific knowledge of common diseases	Lists common infectious agents for hospital-acquired pneumonia
Demonstrates knowledge of pharmacology and therapeutics for common diseases	Demonstrates knowledge of appropriate pharmacologic agents in the treatment of patients with COPD exacerbations
Level 2 Applies scientific knowledge of common diseases	Applies the hospital specific antibiogram in selecting the empiric antibiotics in patients with hospital acquired pneumonia
Applies knowledge of pharmacology and therapeutics for common diseases	Selects appropriate steroid regimen in patients hospitalized with an acute exacerbation of COPD
Level 3 Applies scientific knowledge of complex diseases	Recognizes appropriate risk stratification for patients presenting with acute pulmonary emboli
Applies knowledge of pharmacology and therapeutics for complex diseases	Discusses various treatment options with patients who have submassive pulmonary emboli
Level 4 Independently applies scientific knowledge of complex diseases Independently applies knowledge of pharmacology and therapeutics for complex	 Independently recognizes submassive acute pulmonary emboli using established criteria Independently selects best treatment option for patients with submassive pulmonary emboli
diseases Level 5 Expertly teaches scientific knowledge of complex diseases	Provides instruction to other health professionals in diagnosis of submassive pulmonary emboli
Applies cutting-edge knowledge of pharmacology and therapeutics	Coordinates mechanical thrombolysis with interventional radiology colleagues in select patients with submassive pulmonary emboli and recent neurological surgery
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation In-service examination Medical record (chart) review Multisource feedback OSCE Simulation
	Standardized patients

Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	Buckley JD, Addrizzo-Harris DJ, Clay AS, et al. Multisociety task force recommendations
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	<u>0521ST?url_ver=Z39.88-</u>
	2003𝔯 id=ori%3Arid%3Acrossref.org𝔯 dat=cr pub%3Dpubmed. 2020.
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	Medicine: Advanced Concepts and Strategies (Respiratory Medicine). 1st ed.
	Switzerland; 2019.

Systems-Based Practice 1: Patient Safety and Quality Improvement (QI)	
Overall Intent: To analyze patient safety events, including relevant communication with patients, families, and health care professionals; to participate in a QI project	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of common patient safety events	Lists patient misidentification or medication errors as common patient safety events
Demonstrates knowledge of how to report patient safety events	Describes how to report errors in the environment
Demonstrates knowledge of basic quality improvement methodologies and metrics	Describes fishbone tool
Level 2 Identifies system factors that lead to patient safety events	Identifies that lack of hand sanitizer dispensers in exam rooms may lead to increased infection rates
Reports patient safety events through institutional reporting systems (simulated or actual)	Reports lack of hand sanitizer dispenser in an exam room to the clinic director
Describes local quality improvement initiatives (e.g., community vaccination rate, infection rate, smoking cessation)	Summarizes protocols resulting in decreased spread of hospital acquired <i>C. diff</i>
Level 3 Participates in analysis of patient safety events (simulated or actual)	Prepares and presents a morbidity and mortality presentation
Participates in disclosure of patient safety events to patients and families (simulated or actual)	Through simulation, communicates with patients/families about an anticoagulation dose administration error
Participates in local quality improvement initiatives	Participates in QI project identifying root causes of COPD readmissions
Level 4 Conducts analysis of patient safety events and offers error prevention strategies (simulated or actual)	Collaborates with a team to conduct the analysis of an anticoagulation dose administration error and can effectively communicate with patients/families about those events
Discloses patient safety events to patients and families (simulated or actual)	Participates in the completion of a QI project to reduce COPD readmission rates within the practice, including assessing the problem, articulating broad goals, developing a

Demonstrates the skills required to identify, develop, implement, and analyze a quality improvement project	SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound) objective plan, and monitoring progress and challenges
Level 5 Actively engages teams and processes to modify systems to prevent patient safety events	Assumes a leadership role at the departmental or institutional level for patient safety
Role models or mentors others in the disclosure of patient safety events	Conducts a simulation for disclosing patient safety events
Creates, implements, and assesses quality improvement initiatives at the institutional or community level	Initiates and completes a QI project to reduce county COPD readmission rates in collaboration with the county health department and shares results with stakeholders
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation E-module multiple choice tests Medical record (chart) audit Multisource feedback Portfolio QI project Reflection Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 Institute of Healthcare Improvement. http://www.ihi.org/Pages/default.aspx. 2020. IHI. IHI Open School Online Courses. http://app.ihi.org/Imsspa/#/183d4. 2020. IHI. QI 102: How to Improve with the Model for Improvement. http://app.ihi.org/Imsspa/#/1431fa43-38e4-4e40-ab3b-7887d3254f72/41b3d74d-f418-4193-86a4-ac29c9565ff1. 2020. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Detection of Safety Hazards Prime. https://psnet.ahrq.gov/primer/detection-safety-hazards. 2020. AHRQ. Measurement of Patient Safety. https://psnet.ahrq.gov/primer/measurement-patient-safety. 2020.

Systems-Based Practice 2: Coordination and Transitions of Care		
	Overall Intent: To effectively navigate the health care system, including the interdisciplinary team and other care providers to ensure high-	
quality patient outcomes		
Milestones	Examples (401)	
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of care coordination	 For a patient with end-stage COPD in the intensive care unit (ICU), identifies the outpatient pulmonologist, palliative care team, home health nurse, respiratory care practitioners, and social workers as members of the team 	
Identifies key elements for safe and effective transitions of care and hand-offs	• Lists the essential components of a structured sign-out tool and care transition and hand- offs	
Level 2 Coordinates care of patients in routine clinical situations effectively using the members of the interprofessional teams	Coordinates care with the outpatient pulmonary clinic at the time of discharge from the hospital	
Performs safe and effective transitions of care/hand-offs in routine clinical situations	Routinely uses a structured sign-out tool for a stable patient during night float sign-out	
Level 3 Coordinates care of patients in complex clinical situations effectively using the members of the interprofessional teams	Works with the social worker to coordinate care for a complex chronically ventilated patient that will ensure transfer to a long-term acute care facility safely after discharge from the hospital	
Performs safe and effective transitions of care/hand-offs in complex clinical situations	Routinely uses a structured sign-out tool when transferring a patient to the ICU	
Level 4 Coordinates care of patients in complex clinical situations among different disciplines and specialties	During inpatient rotations, leads team members in approaching consultants to review cases/recommendations and arranges radiology rounds for the team	
Advocates for safe and effective transitions of care/hand-offs within and across health care delivery systems	Prior to going on vacation, proactively informs the incoming fellow about a plan of care for a complex lung cancer patient with numerous prior intubations who will likely require airway stenting and ICU care afterwards	
Level 5 Analyzes the process of care coordination and leads in the design and implementation of improvements	Leads a program to arrange for team home visits to end-stage COPD at high risk for ICU admissions	
Improves quality of transitions of care within and across health care delivery systems to optimize patient outcomes	Develops a protocol to improve transitions to long-term care facilities	
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation	

	Medical record (chart) audit
	Multisource feedback
	• OSCE
	QI project
	 Quality metrics and goals mined from electronic health records (EHR)
	Review of sign-out tools, use and review of checklists
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 Center for Disease Control. Population Health Training in Place Program (PH-TIPP). https://www.cdc.gov/pophealthtraining/whatis.html. 2020.
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Systems-Based Practice 3: Population Health Overall Intent: To adapt care to a specific patient population to ensure high-quality patient outcomes **Milestones Examples** Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of population • Identifies that patients in different socioeconomic circumstances may have different and community health needs and disparities abilities to access medications as an outpatient Level 2 Identifies specific population and • Identifies that limited transportation options may be a factor in patients getting to multiple community health needs and inequities for the pre-lung transplant appointments local population Level 3 Uses local resources effectively to meet Refers patients to a local pharmacy which provides a sliding fee scale option and prints the needs of a patient population in the pharmacy coupons for patients in need community Level 4 Advocates for changing and adapting • Assists to design protocols for procedural sedation in patients with opioid use disorders practice to provide for the needs of specific populations **Level 5** Leads innovations and advocates for • Leads development of a project to enable greater access to in-person interpreters in the hospital populations and communities with health care inequities Assessment Models or Tools Direct observation • Medical record (chart) audit Multisource feedback OSCE QI project Quality metrics and goals mined from EHR Reflection **Curriculum Mapping** • CDC. Population Health Training in Place Program (PH-TIPP). Notes or Resources https://www.cdc.gov/pophealthtraining/whatis.html. 2020. • Kaplan KJ. In pursuit of patient-centered care. http://tissuepathology.com/2016/03/29/inpursuit-of-patient-centered-care/#axzz5e7nSsAns. 2020.

Systems-Based Practice 4: Physician Role in Health Care Systems	
Overall Intent: To understand the physician's role in impacting health care system to improve patient care	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Describes basic health care delivery systems (e.g., practice and payment models, accountable care organizations)	Describes the impact of health plan coverage on prescription drugs for individual patients
Level 2 Describes how components of a complex health care delivery system are interrelated, and how this impacts patient care (e.g., out-of-network hospitalizations)	Takes into consideration patient's prescription drug coverage when choosing an inhaler for treatment of COPD
Level 3 Discusses how individual practice affects the broader system (e.g., length of stay, cost of care, readmission rates, clinical efficiency)	Ensures that patient with severe asthma admitted to the ICU has a scheduled follow-up pulmonary appointment at discharge within seven days to reduce risk of readmission
Level 4 Advocates for patient care needs (e.g., community resources, patient assistance resources) with consideration of the limitations of each patient's payment model	Uses hospital resources to get access to a taxi voucher for a recently hospitalized patient who needs to come in for multiple follow-up appointments
Level 5 Advocates for or leads systems change that enhances high-value, efficient, and effective patient care	Works with community or professional organizations to advocate for no smoking ordinances
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation Medical record (chart) audit Portfolio QI project Reflection
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 AHRQ. Measuring the Quality of Physician Care. https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-safety/talkingquality/create/physician/challenges.html. 2020. AHRQ. Major Physician Measurement Sets. https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/talkingquality/create/physician/measurementsets.html. 2020. American Board of Internal Medicine. QI/PI Activities. https://www.abim.org/maintenance-of-certification/earning-points/practice-assessment.aspx. 2020. Commonwealth Fund. Health System Data Center. https://datacenter.commonwealthfund.org/#ind=1/sc=1. 2020.

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of-medicine-initiative/. 2020.

• Kaiser Family Foundation. Health Reform. https://www.kff.org/topic/health-reform/. 2020.

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 1: Evidence-Based and Informed Practice Overall Intent: To incorporate evidence and patient values into clinical practice	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates how to access and apply available evidence to care for patients	Identifies evidence-based guidelines for septic shock, considering the patient's goals of care
Demonstrates knowledge of basic trial design and statistical concepts and communicates details of published scientific work	Performs a PubMed search on septic shock practice guidelines
Level 2 Elicits patient preferences and values to guide evidence-based care for patients	In a patient with advanced COPD, identifies and discusses potential evidence-based treatment options, and solicits patient perspective
Reads scientific literature, identifies gaps, and generates hypotheses for planned scholarly activity	Performs a literature search and generates a hypothesis on the topic of planned scholarly activity
Level 3 Locates and applies the best available evidence, integrated with patient preference to care for patients	Obtains, discusses, and applies evidence for the treatment of a patient with advanced COPD and co-existing coronary artery disease and diabetes mellitus
Participates in a scholarly project	Participates in a quality improvement or medical research project
Level 4 Critically appraises and applies evidence even in the face of uncertainty and conflicting evidence to guide care, tailored to the individual patient	Accesses the primary literature to identify alternative treatments for refractory septic shock
Presents scholarly activity at local or regional meetings, and/or submits an abstract of their scholarly work to a regional meeting	Presents scholarly activity at local or regional conference
Level 5 Coaches others to critically appraise and apply evidence; and/or participates in the development of guidelines	Leads clinical teaching on application of best practices in critical appraisal of sepsis criteria
Effectively presents scholarly work at national and international meetings or has a peer reviewed publication accepted or grant funded	Presents scholarly work at national conference
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation

	Oral or written examinations
	Presentation evaluation
	Research portfolio
Curriculum Mapping	
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	mprovement 2: Reflective Practice and Commitment to Personal Growth
	formation with the intent to improve care; reflects on all domains of practice, personal
improvement in some form of a learning plan	colleagues and patients (reflective mindfulness); develop clear objectives and goals for
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Accepts responsibility for personal and professional development by establishing goals	Sets a personal practice goal of documenting use of established guideline criteria for COPD for evaluation of patients with emphysema
Identifies the factors which contribute to gap(s) between expectations and actual performance	Recognizes that limited prior experience contributed to gaps in knowledge of ventilator management
Actively seeks opportunities to improve knowledge and abilities	Asks for feedback from patients, families, and patient care team members
Level 2 Demonstrates openness to performance feedback in order to inform goals	Integrates feedback to adjust the documentation of the established guideline criteria for evaluation of patients with possible COPD
Analyzes and reflects on the factors which contribute to gap(s) between expectations and actual performance	Assesses time management skills and how it impacts timely completion of clinic notes and literature reviews
Designs and implements a learning plan, with prompting	When prompted, develops individual education plan to improve their management of advanced respiratory failure
Level 3 Seeks performance feedback episodically, with adaptability, and humility	Does a chart audit to determine the percent of patients evaluated for smoking cessation
Analyzes, reflects on, and institutes behavioral change(s) to narrow the gap(s) between expectations and actual performance	Completes a comprehensive literature review prior to patient encounters
Independently creates and implements a learning plan	Using web-based resources, creates a personal curriculum to improve the ability to evaluate of acute respiratory failure
Level 4 Intentionally seeks performance feedback consistently with adaptability, and humility	Completes a quarterly chart audit to ensure documentation of the ICU checklist for the ventilator bundle and reviews results with mentor

Identifies and uses alternative methods to narrow the gap(s) between expectations and actual performance	Identifies that patient communication skills improve when a debrief is completed after difficult encounters and uses simulation to improve skills
Uses performance feedback to measure the effectiveness of the learning plan and when necessary, improves it	Performs a chart audit on personal adherence to ARDSNet ventilation protocol; reviews with mentor and creates a plan to improve documentation
Level 5 Consistently role models the seeking of performance data with adaptability and humility	Uses Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) data to discuss improving infection rates without creating second victims
Coaches others on reflective practice	Develops educational module for collaboration with other patient care team members
Facilitates the design and implementation of learning plans for others	Assists first-year residents in developing their individualized learning plans
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation Review of learning plan 360-degree evaluations
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Professionalism 1: Professional Behavior and Ethical Principles Overall Intent: To demonstrate ethical and professional behaviors and recognize and address lapses using appropriate resources	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Identifies and describes potential triggers for professionalism lapses in self	Understands that being tired can cause a lapse in professionalism
Recognizes professionalism lapses in others	Understands being late to sign out has adverse effect on patient care and on professional relationships
Demonstrates knowledge of the ethical principles underlying informed consent, surrogate decision making, advance directives, confidentiality, error disclosure, stewardship of limited resources, and related topics	Articulates how the principle of "do no harm" applies to a patient who may not need a central line even though the training opportunity exists
Level 2 Demonstrates insight into professional behavior in routine situations and takes responsibility for own professionalism lapses	Apologizes to the team for being late to sign-out and works to correct behavior
Knows institutional processes for reporting professionalism lapses, including strategies for addressing common barriers	Describes lines of reporting for a peer who is using stimulants to stay awake while on a scheduled shift
Analyzes straightforward situations using ethical principles and applies them to practice	Explains how the principle of autonomy applies to surrogate decision making and demonstrate it during an end-of-life discussion
Level 3 Demonstrates professional behavior in complex or stressful situations	Appropriately responds to a distraught family member, following an unsuccessful resuscitation attempt of a relative
Follows institutional processes for reporting professionalism lapses, including strategies for addressing common barriers	After noticing a colleague's inappropriate social media post, reviews policies related to posting of content and seeks guidance
Analyzes complex situations using ethical principles, and applies them to practice, while recognizing the need to seek help in managing these situations	Offers treatment options for a terminally ill patient, free of bias, while recognizing own limitations and consistently honoring the patient's choice

Level 4 Recognizes situations that may trigger professionalism lapses and acts to prevent them	Practices restraint when replying to an emotionally provocative email from patient or colleague
Intervenes to prevent and address professionalism lapses in peers	Arranges coverage and sends a resident home early when the resident appears too tired to carry out clinical duties
Recognizes and utilizes appropriate resources for managing and resolving ethical dilemmas as needed (e.g., ethics consultations, literature review, risk management/legal consultation)	Uses ethics consults, literature, risk-management/legal counsel in order to resolve ethical dilemmas regarding continued aggressive care of dying patient
Level 5 Recognized by peers as a resource for professionalism concerns	Receives institutional recognition for exemplary professionalism
Coaches peers when their behavior fails to meet professional expectations	Coaches others when their behavior fails to meet professional expectations, and creates a performance improvement plan to prevent recurrence
Identifies and seeks to address system-level factors that induce or exacerbate ethical problems or impede their resolution	Engages stakeholders to address excessive wait times in the clinic to decrease patient and provider frustrations that lead to unprofessional behavior
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation Global evaluation Multisource feedback Oral or written self-reflection Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	
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Professionalism 2: Accountability Overall Intent: To take responsibility for one's own actions and the impact on patients and other members of the health care team	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Completes tasks and responsibilities in response to requests or reminders	 Responds to reminders from program administrator to complete work hour logs With reminders, attends conferences regularly Completes end-of-rotation evaluations with more than routine reminders
Level 2 Completes tasks and responsibilities in a timely manner, without reminders	 Completes administrative task required training modules, procedure review, and licensing requirements by specified due date Before going out of town, completes tasks in anticipation of lack of computer access while traveling
Level 3 Completes tasks and responsibilities without reminders, identifies potential barriers to completion, and acts to mitigate those barriers in routine situations	 Notifies attending of multiple competing demands on-call, appropriately triages tasks, and asks for assistance from other residents or faculty members as needed In preparation for being out of the office, arranges coverage for assigned clinical tasks on clinic patients and ensures appropriate continuity of care
Level 4 Completes tasks and responsibilities without reminders, identifies potential barriers to completion, and acts to mitigates those barriers in complex or stressful situations	Takes responsibility for inadvertently omitting key patient information during sign-out, professionally discusses with the patient, family members, and interprofessional team, and has a plan to prevent this in the future
Level 5 Assists others in developing strategies for completing tasks and responsibilities	Sets up a meeting with the nurse manager to streamline patient discharges and leads team to find solutions to the problem
Assessment Models or Tools	 Compliance with deadlines and timelines Direct observation Global evaluations Multisource feedback Self-evaluations and reflective tools Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	•
Notes or Resources	 American Medical Association. Ethics. https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/ama-code-medical-ethics. 2020. Code of conduct from fellow/resident institutional manual Expectations of residency program regarding accountability and professionalism Thompson DR. Critical Care Ethics: A Practice Guide. 3rd ed. Mount Prospect, IL: Society of Critical Care Medicine; 2014.

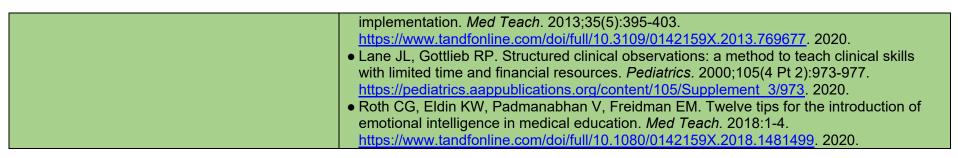
Professionalism 3: Well-Being and Resiliency Overall Intent: To identify, use, manage, improve, and seek help for personal and professional well-being for self and others **Examples Milestones** Level 1 Identifies elements of well-being and • Completes a wellness module describes risk factors for burnout and signs and symptoms of burnout and depression in self or peers Level 2 With assistance, recognizes status of • Acknowledges own response to death of a patient well-being and risk factors for maladaptation in self or peers Level 3 Independently recognizes status of • Confidentially shares concerns about a possibly depressed peer to the attention of well-being in self or peers and reports concerns program leadership to appropriate personnel **Level 4** Develops and implements a plan to • Takes up a new hobby or resumes an abandoned non-medical interest to balance life and improve well-being of self or peers, including relieve stress utilization of institutional or external resources Level 5 Recommends and facilitates system • Establishes a book club and discussion group for peers in response to a needs changes to promote well-being in a practice or assessment institution **Assessment Models or Tools** Direct observation Group interview or discussions for team activities Individual interview • Self-assessment and personal learning plan **Curriculum Mapping** Notes or Resources • This subcompetency is not intended to evaluate a fellow's well-being, but to ensure each fellow has the fundamental knowledge of factors that impact well-being, the mechanisms by which those factors impact well-being, and available resources and tools to improve well-being. • ACGME. "Well-Being Tools and Resources." https://dl.acgme.org/pages/well-being-toolsresources. Accessed 2022. • Hicks PJ, Schumacher D, Guralnick S, Carraccio C, Burke AE. Domain of competence: personal and professional development. Acad Pediatr. 2014;14(2 Suppl):S80-97. https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S187628591300332X. 2020. Local resources, including Employee Assistance

Interpersonal and Communication Skills 1: Patient- and Family-Centered Communication Overall Intent: To deliberately use language and behaviors to form constructive relationships with patients and families **Milestones Examples** • Establishes eye contact with the patient when introducing team and calls patients by Level 1 Uses language and nonverbal behavior to demonstrate respect and establish rapport Mr./Mrs./Ms. and their last name Identifies common barriers to effective • Identifies need for trained interpreter with non-English-speaking patients communication (e.g., language, disability, personal bias) Level 2 Establishes a therapeutic relationship Avoids medical jargon and restates patient perspective when discussing tobacco using effective communication behaviors in cessation straightforward encounters • Recognizes the need for handouts with diagrams and pictures to communicate Identifies complex barriers to effective communication (e.g. health literacy, cultural), information to a patient who is unable to read or speak including personal bias Level 3 Establishes a therapeutic relationship • Goes to the level of the patient in bed, maintains eye contact, and holds hand to convey using effective communication behaviors in empathy when discussing palliative care approach and do not resuscitate/do not intubate challenging patient encounters (DNR/DNI) in a patient with end-stage disease who is a full code Mitigates communication barriers, including Conducts a family meeting to identify personal/family/cultural beliefs and concerns personal bias Level 4 Establishes therapeutic relationships Continues to engage representative family members with disparate goals in the care of a using shared decision making (e.g., attention to patient with end-stage disease patient/family concerns and context), regardless of complexity Role models the mitigation of communication • Reflects on personal bias related to lung cancer death of resident's father and solicits input from faculty members about mitigation of communication barriers when counseling barriers patients around smoking cessation • Leads a discussion group on personal experience of moral distress Level 5 Coaches others in developing Develops a resident/fellowship curriculum on social justice which addresses unconscious therapeutic relationships and mitigating communication barriers bias • Serves on a hospital bioethics committee Direct observation Assessment Models or Tools Global evaluations

	 Kalamazoo Essential Elements Communication Checklist (Adapted) Multisource feedback OSCE Self-assessment including self-reflection exercises Skills needed to Set the state, Elicit information, Give information, Understand the patient,
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Interpersonal and Communication Skills 2: Interprofessional and Team Communication Overall Intent: To effectively communicate with the health care team, including consultants, in both straightforward and complex situations **Examples Milestones** Level 1 Uses language that values all members • Receives consult request for a patient with respiratory failure, asks clarifying questions politely, and expresses gratitude for the consult of the team Level 2 Communicates information, including • Communicates diagnostic evaluation recommendations clearly and concisely in an basic feedback with all team members organized and timely manner • Adjusts schedule to join rounds of consulting teams to ensure communications are Level 3 Facilitates team communication to reconcile conflict and provides difficult feedback complete and understood • Sets up a meeting with multiple consulting teams to achieve consensus for **Level 4** Adapts communication style to fit team needs and maximizes impact of feedback to the recommendations team Level 5 Role models flexible communication • Recognized as a preferred consultant among the consulting teams due to their strategies that facilitate excellence in teamwork communication skills Assessment Models or Tools Direct observation Global assessment Medical record (chart) audit Multi-source feedback Simulation **Curriculum Mapping** Notes or Resources • Braddock III CH, Edwards KA, Hasenberg NM, Laidley TL, Levinson W. Informed decision making in outpatient practice: time to get back to basics. JAMA. 1999;282(24):2313-2320. https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/192233. 2020. • Dehon E, Simpson K, Fowler D, Jones A. Development of the faculty 360. MedEdPORTAL. 2015;11:10174. https://www.mededportal.org/publication/10174/. 2020. • Fay D, Mazzone M, Douglas L, Ambuel B. A validated, behavior-based evaluation instrument for family medicine residents. MedEdPORTAL. 2007. https://www.mededportal.org/publication/622/. 2020. • François J. Tool to assess the quality of consultation and referral request letters in family medicine. Can Fam Physician. 2011;57(5):574-575. https://www.cfp.ca/content/57/5/574. 2020. • Green M, Parrott T, Crook G. Improving your communication skills. BMJ. 2012;344:e357. https://www.bmj.com/content/344/bmj.e357. 2020. • Henry SG, Holmboe ES, Frankel RM. Evidence-based competencies for improving

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Interpersonal and Communication Skills 3: Communication within Health Care Systems Overall Intent: To effectively document and communicate clinical data and reasoning within the health care system **Milestones Examples** • Documentation is accurate but may include extraneous information Level 1 Accurately records comprehensive information Communicates using formats specified by • Shreds patient list after rounds; avoids talking about patients in the elevator, and identifies institutional policy to safeguard patient personal institutional and departmental communication hierarchy for concerns and safety issues health information Level 2 Documents clinical reasoning through • Documentation is organized and accurate, but does not include clinical reasoning that supports the treatment plan organized notes Selects direct (e.g., telephone, in-person) and Based on attending recommendation, calls a consulting service to clarify the consulting indirect (e.g., progress notes, text messages) question forms of communication based on context, with assistance Level 3 Documents clinical reasoning and is • Notes include rationale for a diagnosis and therapeutic trial of steroids concise most of the time Appropriately selects direct and indirect forms of • Informs patient immediately about potentially critical test result communication based on context Level 4 Documents clinical reasoning concisely • Notes include rationale for a diagnosis and therapeutic trial of steroids as well as possible in an organized form, including next steps in next steps based on outcome care Role models effective written and verbal • Helps others to develop documentation templates for their personal use communication **Level 5** Guides departmental or institutional • Participates on an EHR committee to develop more effective outpatient templates communication policies and procedures Assessment Models or Tools Direct observation Medical record (chart) audit Multisource feedback **Curriculum Mapping** • Bierman JA, Hufmeyer KK, Liss DT, Weaver AC, Heiman HL. Promoting responsible Notes or Resources electronic documentation: validity evidence for a checklist to assess progress notes in the



Interpersonal and Communication Skills 4: Complex Communication Around Serious Illness		
Overall Intent: To sensitively and effectively communicate about serious illness with patients and their families/caregivers, promoting shared decision making and assessing the evolving impact on all involved		
Milestones	Examples	
Level 1 Identifies prognostic communication as a key element for shared decision making	Recognizes importance of communicating prognosis to permit shared decision making but unable to do so independently	
Identifies the need to assess patient/family expectations and understanding of their health status and treatment options	Values assessing patient/family understanding of health status and expectations but unable to consistently do so independently	
Level 2 Assesses the patient's families/caregivers' prognostic awareness and identifies preferences for receiving prognostic information	Using open ended questions, can determine a patient's/family's prognostic awareness and discuss patient/family preferences for how communication about prognosis should occur	
Facilitates communication with patient/family by introducing stakeholders, setting the agenda, clarifying expectations, and verifying an understanding of the clinical situation	Begins a family meeting for a patient with acute respiratory distress syndrome by asking the patient/family what they understand about their clinical condition	
Level 3 Delivers basic prognostic information and attends to emotional responses of patient and families/caregivers	Consistently responds to emotion in conversations by using evidence-based communication strategies	
Sensitively and compassionately delivers medical information; elicits patient/family values, goals and preferences; and acknowledges uncertainty and conflict, with guidance	With a shared understanding of their medical condition, asks patients and families what is most important to them	
Level 4 Tailors communication of prognosis according to disease characteristics and trajectory, patient consent, family needs, and medical uncertainty, and manages intense emotional response	 Adjusts communication with family/caregivers to address uncertainty and conflicting prognostic estimates after an acute brain injury Runs a family meeting with complex emotions, family dynamics 	
Independently uses shared decision making to align patient/family values, goals, and preferences with treatment options to make a	Independently develops and provides a recommendation for a time-limited trial of ventilator support for a patient with acute respiratory distress syndrome, in the context of conflicting patient and family goals	

personalized care plan in situations with a high degree of uncertainty and conflict	
Level 5 Coaches others in the communication of prognostic information	Develops a simulation module to teach communication of prognosis
Coaches shared decision making in patient/family communication	Develops a role play to teach shared decision making
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation OSCE Standardized patient communication testing scenarios in simulation
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Available Milestones Resources

Milestones 2.0: Assessment, Implementation, and Clinical Competency Committees Supplement, 2021 - https://meridian.allenpress.com/jgme/issue/13/2s

Milestones Guidebooks: https://www.acgme.org/milestones/resources/

- Assessment Guidebook
- Clinical Competency Committee Guidebook
- Clinical Competency Committee Guidebook Executive Summaries
- Implementation Guidebook
- Milestones Guidebook

Milestones Guidebook for Residents and Fellows: https://www.acgme.org/residents-and-fellows/ fellows/

- Milestones Guidebook for Residents and Fellows
- Milestones Guidebook for Residents and Fellows Presentation
- Milestones 2.0 Guide Sheet for Residents and Fellows

Milestones Research and Reports: https://www.acgme.org/milestones/research/

- Milestones National Report, updated each fall
- Milestones Predictive Probability Report, updated each fall
- Milestones Bibliography, updated twice each year

Developing Faculty Competencies in Assessment courses - https://www.acgme.org/meetings-and-educational-activities/courses-and-workshops/developing-faculty-competencies-in-assessment/

Assessment Tool: Direct Observation of Clinical Care (DOCC) - https://dl.acgme.org/pages/assessment

Assessment Tool: Teamwork Effectiveness Assessment Module (TEAM) - https://team.acgme.org/

Improving Assessment Using Direct Observation Toolkit - https://dl.acgme.org/pages/acgme-faculty-development-toolkit-improving-assessment-using-direct-observation

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