

Summary

Clinical Anesthesia System of Evaluation (CASE)

Purpose: The CASE¹ was developed to assess daily clinical performance of anesthesiology residents

Method: Small cards (e.g., 4" x 6") were completed daily by attendings. The cards requested the following information: Identities of attending physician and resident, date, clinical service, and whether the resident performed "above expectation", "as expected", or "below expectation." The cards also contained a blank space for narrative comments. Although information regarding many aspects of clinical performance was obtained from the cards, they provided an approach to documenting unprofessional behavior. Instances of unprofessional behavior were ascertained by an educator/researcher who coded the narratives. The following categories of unprofessional behavior emerged: behavior and personality, abdication of responsibility outside the operating room, abdication of responsibility inside the operating room, frank fabrication, refusing or disregarding direct orders, and breaking simple protocols.

1. Rhoton MF. Professionalism and clinical excellence among anesthesiology residents. *Acad Med.* 1994;69:313-15.