

Obstetrics & Gynaecology PBA: Caesarean Section

Trainee:	Assessor:	Date:
StR Year :	Start time:	End time:
<p>Elective / Emergency? (circle one)</p> <p>Operation more difficult than usual? Yes / No If yes, state reason (e.g. high BMI)</p> <p>Levels of complexity for each stage of training (circle one)</p> <p>Basic Training First or second caesarean with longitudinal lie</p> <p>Intermediate Training Twins or transverse lie, preterm >28 weeks</p> <p>Advanced Training Preterm <28 weeks/major placenta praevia/fibroids in lower segment</p>		

The Trainee should explain what he/she intends to do throughout the procedure
 The Assessor should provide verbal prompts, if required, and intervene if patient safety is at risk.

Rating : N = Not observed or not appropriate D = Development required
 S = Satisfactory standard for CCT (no prompting or intervention required)

Competencies and Definitions		Rating N/D/S	Comments
I. Consent			
C1	Demonstrates sound knowledge of indications and contraindications including alternatives to surgery		
C2	Demonstrates awareness of sequelae of operative or non operative management		
C3	Demonstrates sound knowledge of complications of surgery		
C4	Explains the perioperative process to the patient and/or relatives or carers and checks understanding		
C5	Explains likely outcome and time to recovery and checks understanding		
II. Pre operative planning			
PL1	Demonstrates recognition of anatomical and pathological abnormalities (and relevant co-morbidities) and selects appropriate operative strategies/techniques to deal with these e.g. nutritional status		Not applicable
PL2	Demonstrates ability to make reasoned choice of appropriate equipment, materials or devices (if any) taking into account appropriate investigations e.g. ultrasound, MRI		
PL3	Checks materials, equipment and device requirements with theatre staff and blood bank if major haemorrhage is anticipated		
PL4	Ensures the operation site is marked where applicable		
PL5	Checks patient records, personally reviews investigations		
III. Pre operative preparation			
PR1	Checks in theatre that consent has been obtained		
PR2	Gives effective briefing to theatre team, including paediatrician		
PR3	Ensures proper and safe positioning of the patient on the operating table		
PR4	Demonstrates careful skin preparation		
PR5	Demonstrates careful draping of the patient's operative field		
PR6	Ensures general equipment and materials are deployed safely (e.g. urinary catheter, diathermy)		
PR7	Ensures appropriate drugs administered (e.g. prophylactic antibiotics, oxytocin)		
PR8	Arranges for and deploys specialist supporting equipment (e.g. cell salvager) effectively		

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IV. Exposure and closure			
E1	Demonstrates knowledge of optimum skin incision/access		
E2	Achieves an adequate exposure through purposeful dissection in correct tissue planes and identifies all structures correctly		
E3	Completes a sound wound repair (rectus sheath)		
E4	Protects the wound with dressings and inserts drains safely where appropriate		
V. Intra operative Technique: global (G) and task-specific (T) items			
IT1(G)	Follows an agreed, logical sequence or protocol for the procedure		
IT2(G)	Consistently handles tissue well with minimal damage		
IT3(G)	Controls bleeding promptly by an appropriate method		
IT4(G)	Demonstrates a sound technique of knots and sutures/staples		
IT5(G)	Uses instruments appropriately and safely		
IT6(G)	Proceeds at appropriate pace with economy of movement		
IT7(G)	Anticipates and responds appropriately to variation e.g. anatomy		
IT8(G)	Deals calmly and effectively with unexpected events/complications if they occur		
IT9(G)	Uses assistant(s) to the best advantage at all times		
IT10(G)	Communicates clearly and consistently with the scrub team		
IT11(G)	Communicates clearly and consistently with the anaesthetist		
IT12 (T)	Safely enters peritoneal cavity		
IT13 (T)	Carefully mobilises bladder		
IT14 (T)	Performs appropriate uterine incision		
IT15 (T)	Safely and systematically delivers baby		
IT16 (T)	Completes delivery of placenta and membranes safely		
IT17(T)	Checks uterine cavity (empty, configuration)		
IT18(T)	Identifies and manages uterine atony appropriately		
IT19(T)	Safely secures both uterine angles		
IT20(T)	Identifies and safely secures any uterine extensions		
IT21(T)	Checks for pelvic pathology (uterus, tubes, ovaries)		
IT22(T)	Completes swabbing out of paracolic gutters		
IT23(T)	Ensures contracted uterus and complete haemostasis before closing abdomen		
IT24(T)	Performs vaginal toilet and checks vaginal loss		
IT25(T)	Checks urine colour at end of procedure		
IT26(T)	Closes the skin with attention to cosmesis and healing (e.g. excision of old scar)		
VI. Post operative management			
PM1	Ensures the patient is transferred safely from the operating table to bed		Not applicable
PM2	Constructs a clear operation note		
PM3	Records clear and appropriate post operative instructions		
PM4	Deals with specimens. Labels and orientates specimens appropriately		

Global summary

Level at which completed elements of the PBA were performed on this occasion		Tick as appropriate
Level 0	Insufficient evidence observed to support a summary judgement	
Level 1	Unable to perform the procedure, or part observed, under supervision	
Level 2	Able to perform the procedure, or part observed, under supervision	
Level 3	Able to perform the procedure with minimum supervision (needed occasional help)	
Level 4	Competent to perform the procedure unsupervised (could deal with any complications that arose)	
Comments by Assessor (including strengths and areas for development): 		
Comments by Trainee: 		
Trainee Signature:		Assessor Signature: