



Entrustable Professional Activities

EPA 1 for Pediatric Hospital Medicine

EPA 1: Care for Acutely Ill Patients in Hospital Settings

Supervision Scale for This EPA

1. Trusted to observe only
2. Trusted to execute with direct supervision and coaching
3. Trusted to execute with indirect supervision and discussion of information conveyed for most simple and some complex cases
4. Trusted to execute with indirect supervision but may require discussion of information conveyed for a few complex cases
5. Trusted to execute without supervision

Description of the Activity

Acutely ill hospitalized children require a thoughtful, stepwise, coordinated, cost-effective, and patient-centered approach to diagnosis and treatment. Diagnostic decision-making, management, and coordination of care for these patients are essential skills required of pediatric hospitalists. In addition, with seriously ill patients, initial resuscitation, stabilization, and transfer of patients is fundamental to this specialty.

The specific functions which define this EPA include:

1. Identifying key features from the history and physical to develop a differential diagnosis using evidence-based reasoning, pattern recognition, and illness scripts
2. Determining level of acuity, stabilizing, and triaging to the appropriate care setting
3. Developing and executing a prioritized, high-value, patient-centered diagnostic evaluation and therapeutic management plan
4. Succinctly communicating and documenting the therapeutic plan and clinical reasoning for the care team while meeting compliance standards

Judicious Mapping to Domains of Competence

- ✓ Patient Care
- ✓ Medical Knowledge
Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
- ✓ Interpersonal and Communication Skills
Professionalism
- ✓ Systems-Based Practice
Personal and Professional Development



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Competencies Within Each Domain Critical to Entrustment Decisions*

PC 1:	Gathering information
PC 2:	Organizing prioritizing responsibilities
PC 5:	Performing complete physical exams
PC 6:	Using optimal clinical judgement
PC 7:	Developing management plans
MK 2:	Practicing EBM
ICS 6:	Maintaining medical records
SBP 3:	Incorporating cost awareness into care

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Context for the EPA

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Scope of Practice: Pediatric hospitalists working in a variety of practice settings routinely care for acutely ill children. In addition, pediatric hospitalists are often those in charge of initially resuscitating, stabilizing, and transferring critically ill patients. A comprehensive set of skills is necessary to workup, treat, and advocate for patients and families, ensuring patient-centered, high-value, efficient, and safe care. In addition, pediatric hospitalists are often the physician leaders of clinical practice guidelines for common inpatient pediatric diagnoses.