



## **EPA 5: Document a Clinical Encounter in the Patient Record**

An EPA: A unit of observable, measurable professional practice requiring integration of competencies

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**Document** a clinical encounter

Underlying entrustability for all **EPAs** are trustworthy habits, including truthfulness. conscientiousness, and discernment.

This schematic depicts development of proficiency in the Core EPAs. It is not intended for use as an assessment instrument. Entrustment decisions should be made after EPAs have been observed in multiple settings with varying context, acuity, and complexity and with varying patient characteristics.

**Key Functions** with Related Competencies

Prioritize and synthesize information into a cogent narrative for a variety of clinical encounters (e.g., admission, progress, preand post-op, and procedure notes: informed consent; discharge summary)

P4 ICS1

Follow documentation requirements to meet regulations and professional expectations

ICS5 P4 SBP1

Document a problem list, differential diagnosis, and plan supported through clinical reasoning that reflects patient's preferences

PC4 PC6 ICS1 ICS2

**Behaviors** Requiring Corrective Response

Provides incoherent documentation

Copies and pastes information without verification or attribution

Does not provide documentation when required

Provides illegible documentation

Includes inappropriate iudgmental language

**Documents** potentially damaging information without attribution

→ Developing Behaviors → (Learner may be at different levels within a row.)

Uses a template with limited ability to adjust or adapt based on audience. context, or purpose

Misses key information

or adapt to audience, context, or purpose

Produces documentation that has errors or does not fulfill institutional requirements (e.g., date, time, signature, avoidance of prohibited abbreviations)

Has difficulty meeting turnaround expectations, resulting in team members' lack of access to documentation

Does not document a problem list, differential diagnosis, plan, clinical reasoning, or patient's preferences

Interprets laboratories by relying on norms rather than context

Does not include a rationale for ordering studies or treatment plans

Demonstrates limited help-seeking behavior to fill gaps in knowledge, skill, and experience

Provides key information but may include unnecessary details or redundancies

Demonstrates ability to adjust

Recognizes and corrects errors related to required elements of documentation

Meets needed turnaround time for standard documentation

May not document the pursuit of primary or secondary sources important to the encounter

Documents a problem list, differential diagnosis, plan, and clinical reasoning

Is inconsistent in interpreting basic tests accurately

Engages in help-seeking behavior resulting in improved ability to develop and document management plans

Solicits patient's preferences and records them in a note

**Expected Behaviors for an Entrustable Learner** 

Provides a verifiable cogent narrative without unnecessary details or redundancies

Adjusts and adapts documentation based on audience, context, or purpose (e.g., admission, progress, pre- and post-op, and procedure notes; informed consent; discharge summary)

Provides accurate, legible, timely documentation that includes institutionally required elements

Documents in the patient's record role in team-care activities

Documents use of primary and secondary sources necessary to fill in gaps

Documents a problem list, differential diagnosis, and plan, reflecting a combination of thought processes and input from other providers

Interprets laboratory values accurately

Identifies key problems, documenting engagement of those who can help resolve them

Communicates bidirectionally to develop and record management plans aligned with patient's preferences