

Procedure Competency Assessment Tool – Slit Lamp Examination

Provider: _____

Date: _____

Examination: ☐ Slit Lamp Examination ☐ Applanation Tonometry

Procedure: ☐ 65205 Remove superficial conjunctival FB ☐ 65222 Remove corneal FB with slit lamp

How many of this procedure have you completed thus far? _____

Please circle the descriptor corresponding to the candidate's performance in each category, **irrespective of the training level.**

Context of Examination:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Not sure of the patient's history, context of the examination, or has knowledge gaps in the clinical value and limitations of slit-lamp exam, or contraindications and complications of foreign body removal		Understands the general indications, immediate contraindications, clinical value, and limitations of slit-lamp examination, and contraindications and potential complications of foreign body removal		Clearly articulates the indications, clinical value, limitations, and potential complications of the examination and able to explain to patient to obtain informed consent

Slit Lamp Handling:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Unfamiliar, awkward, or careless with slit lamp controls, or needs guidance to properly and comfortably position patient and operator		Properly and comfortably positions self and patient for examination without guidance; some tentative movements but demonstrates ability to carefully manipulate controls to achieve proper views		Efficiently and carefully manipulates slit lamp controls to achieve optimal visualization while minimizing patient discomfort

Examination Flow and Efficiency:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Frequently stops examination, repeats or forgets examination elements, or seems unsure of next move		Uses slit lamp to conduct systematic eye exam (including eversion of the upper lid and fluorescein exam) with reasonable progression of the examination		Systematic, complete, and efficient examination with effortless flow from one move to the next

Recognition of Key Findings:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Has difficulty differentiating normal and abnormal findings		Recognizes key abnormal findings, including blepharitis, corneal lesions, foreign bodies, aqueous cell/flare, cataracts, floaters		Recognizes and reports all gross and subtle examination findings

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Tonometry: [] Not Applicable

Novice		Competent		Expert
Unsure of how to use applanation tonometer		Estimates intraocular pressure using applanation tonometer		Efficiently and accurately measures intraocular pressure; troubleshoots tonometer independently

Foreign Body Removal: [] Not Applicable

Novice		Competent		Expert
Unsure of method, or inadequate motor control of needle, swab, spud, or curette		Chooses appropriate instrument; attempts removal of foreign body with adequate motor control to prevent further injury		Precise handling of most appropriate instrument for complete foreign body removal

Patient Comfort:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Unresponsive to patient discomfort; does not seek patient feedback regarding comfort		Seeks patient feedback; recognizes patient discomfort; alters technique and administers topical anesthetic drops as needed to reduce discomfort		Anticipates sources of discomfort and eliminates them to ensure maximal comfort

Management of Complications: [] Not Applicable

Novice		Competent		Expert
Does not recognize or appropriately address developing complication, or does not appropriately halt procedure with failed attempts		Recognizes and appropriately addresses developing complication; halts the procedure appropriately		Immediately recognizes developing complication; manages with precise direction and without hesitation

Overall on this task did the provider demonstrate competency to perform this procedure independently?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Attending Name (Print): _____

Signature/Date: _____