

Procedure Competency Assessment Tool – Fine Needle Aspiration of Cyst

Provider: _____

Date: _____

Procedure: ☐ 19000-1 Aspiration of Breast Cyst ☐ 60001 Aspiration of Thyroid Cyst

☐ 10160 Aspiration of Abscess/Cyst ☐ 76942 Ultrasound Guidance for Needle Placement

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.**

Indication/Informed Consent:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Not sure of the patient's history, context of the procedure, or has knowledge gaps in procedure contraindications or potential complications		Understands the general indications, contraindications, potential complications, and clinical value of procedure; able to explain to patient		Clearly articulates the clinical value, potential complications, and alternatives to patient; able to accurately answer all patient questions to obtain informed consent

Knowledge of Specific Procedure:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Deficient knowledge; unable to articulate procedure steps		Able to articulate all important steps of procedure		Demonstrates familiarity with all aspects of procedure

Procedure Setup:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Does not gather required supplies, poor patient positioning, poor sterile technique, or does not properly identify landmarks		Gathers key instruments and supplies; properly positions patient; identifies landmarks; maintains sterile technique		Anticipates supplies needed for unexpected complications; ergonomic setup of all instruments and supplies

Local Anesthesia: ☐ Not Applicable

Novice		Competent		Expert
Requires guidance to provide adequate anesthesia, or target lesion obscured by anesthetic administration		Adequate anesthesia achieved without guidance		Smooth, efficient, and effective anesthetic administration without guidance or any obscuration of target

Needle Positioning:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Corrections needed to properly position and direct needle to target		Independently positions and directs needle, repositioning or redirecting as needed to target lesion		Easily positions and directs needle to target lesion without need for repositioning or redirection

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Procedure Flow and Efficiency:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Frequently stops procedure and seems unsure of next move; many unnecessary moves		Demonstrates some forward planning with reasonable progression of procedure; efficient time/motion but some unnecessary moves		Obviously plans course of procedure with effortless flow from one move to the next; clear economy of movement and maximum efficiency

Ultrasound: [] Not Applicable

Novice		Competent		Expert
Unsure of orientation and alignment of transducer, how to optimize image, or difficulty identifying key structures		Properly orients and scans with the transducer to acquire images needed; identifies key structures		Rapidly acquires optimal images (gain, depth, etc.) to visualize and guide needle to target lesion

Instrument Handling:

Novice		Competent		Expert
Repeatedly makes tentative or awkward moves with instruments by inappropriate use of instruments		Competent use of instruments but occasionally appears stiff, awkward, or uncertain		Fluid moves with instruments without awkwardness; comfortable with application and extraction

Specimen Handling: [] Not Applicable

Novice		Competent		Expert
Unsure of how to extract specimen from instrument or where to place specimen		Places specimen into correct collection device		Precise and directed specimen handling

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: _____