



Guidelines for conducting a DOPS

A DOPS involves a trainee being observed by an assessor whilst performing a specific clinical procedure in the ED. The assessor rates and provides structured feedback on the trainee's performance of this procedure. Generally, a DOPS can take between 10 and 30 minutes, from the observation of the technical part of the procedure to the provision of feedback.

DOPS overview

- DOPS are opportunistic and must be completed in real time as part of routine work.
- DOPS must be completed on real patients.
- Before beginning the procedure, Assessor and trainee may discuss the procedure to check the trainee's prior knowledge and experience.

Tips

- Trainee to introduce themselves to the patient and explain their role, and the role of the assessor (if applicable).
- Assessor should be present for as much of the procedure as practicable.
- Assessor must be present for the entirety of the technical part of the procedure.
- Assessor may prompt trainee or intervene to ensure safe patient care.
- No more than one DOPS can be completed on a single patient. However, a maximum of two DOPS (i.e. two procedures) can be completed on a single patient by two separate trainees. For example, procedural sedation and fracture reduction for one patient with one trainee doing the procedural sedation component and another trainee doing the fracture reduction. The assessor must be present for both procedures.

Assessment and feedback

- The role of the assessor is to observe, evaluate and provide feedback based on what they have directly viewed during the procedure.
- Assessor may ask for feedback from the patient and other staff present.
- Feedback is directed at the gap between the trainee's current practice and the ideal practice of a graduating FACEM.
- Either Assessor or Trainee may enter the assessment online, but the Assessor must complete the final sign-off.

WBA Resources

On the ACEM website

[Assessment and Requirements](#)
[Curriculum Framework](#)

On the ACEM Educational Resources website

[WBA Online Training Modules](#)
[Clinical Supervision Online Modules](#)

Videos

[CbD Orientation](#) includes the discussion with the trainee as well as feedback.

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