**Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (Surgical DOPS)**

**THORACOTOMY**

**Steps to be performed**

1. Patient appropriately positioned for the thoracotomy approached that is planned
2. Incision is based on anatomic land marks that are explicitly defined
3. Demonstration of knowledge of the muscle layers that are mobilised/divided
4. Appropriate intercostal space entered
5. Haemostasis
6. Liaises appropriately with anaesthetist and other staff regarding ventilation
7. Checks equipment before use

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| **Trainee:** | **Assessor:** |
| **Date:** | **Start Time:** | **End Time:** | **Duration:** |
| **Comments by Assessor (including strengths and areas for development)** |
| **Comments by Trainee:** |  |
| **Global Summary** |
| **Level at which completed elements of the PBA were performed on this occasion** | **Tick as appropriate** |
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| **Trainee Signature:** | **Assessor Signature:** |

**RATING:**

**U=** Unsatisfactory **N =** Not observed or applicable  **D =**Development required  **S =** Satisfactory standard

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| **Competencies and Definitions** |  |  |
| **I.** | **Preoperative Planning and Preparation** | **Rating****N/D/S** | **Comments** |
|  | Demonstrates sound knowledge of the anatomic land marks for performing a thoracotomy. Checks that appropriate instruments are available |  |  |
| **II.** | **Exposure and Closure** | **Rating****N/D/S** | **Comments** |
|  | Demonstrates knowledge of optimum skin incision. Achieves good exposure. Closes and dresses wound appropriately |  |  |
| **III.** | **Intra Operative Technique: Global (G) and Task-Specific Items (T)** | **Rating****N/D/S** | **Comments** |
|  | Follows an agreed, logical sequence or protocol for the procedure. Handles tissues well and achieves good haemostasis |  |  |
|  | Demonstrates good surgical techniques and operates efficiently |  |  |
|  | Communicates well with the rest of the team |  |  |
|  | Demonstrates appropriate handling of chest wall musculature to preserve function as approriate |  |  |
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