

EPA 7 review – Provide obstetric analgesia and anaesthesia

Provide anaesthesia for patients in labour and delivery in rural and remote contexts

Description

The trainee can provide safe regional and general anaesthesia for elective obstetric patients with low-risk pregnancies, and in emergency situations. They work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to care for obstetric and neonatal patients.

Expected knowledge, skills and attitudes

Obtain a targeted history and perform a focused examination of an obstetric patient, adapting communication in emergencies.

Identify factors which indicate it is inappropriate for an obstetric patient to be managed locally and arrange transfer to a more specialised centre for anaesthetic care.

Develop appropriate plans to provide analgesia and anaesthesia for obstetric patients in labour and delivery.

Obtain informed consent for a patient in labour appreciating the dynamic nature of consent in this context.

Provide neuraxial block for labour and delivery.

Assess adequacy and manage a suboptimal neuraxial block, including conversion to general anaesthesia for delivery.

Manage the common complications of neuraxial block for caesarean section.

Perform general anaesthesia for caesarean section.

Provide anaesthesia for management of postpartum complications.

Participate in the multidisciplinary management of a complex obstetric case.

Manage ethical situations that may occur in obstetric anaesthesia.

Demonstrate basic and advanced life support of a neonate consistent with Australian Resuscitation Council guidelines.

Workplace-based Assessment

Evidence, which demonstrates competence, must include the following workplace-based assessments as a minimum:

- Mini-CEX – neuraxial block for a caesarean birth
- Case-based Discussion - general anaesthesia for caesarean birth
- Case based Discussion – the three cases provided by the trainee must include:
 - an obstetric emergency case (or one which would have normally been transferred to a larger facility)
 - an elective obstetric case that may have had complications

Trainee name _____

Evidence presented by trainee:

Date	WBA type	Case	Level

WBAs were completed by a variety of assessors. Yes No

The trainee has:

Completed *EPA 2 – Provide obstetric analgesia* (prerequisite)

Completed a neonatal resuscitation course

Logged 30 labour epidurals subsequent to completing EPA 2

Please select one of the following:

We confirm that the trainee is competent to provide anaesthesia for patients in labour and delivery in the rural and remote contexts.

The trainee must continue to collect evidence to support completion. Please comment on WBAs or other evidence required prior to re-submission for review.

Supervisor name: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Second Supervisor name _____

Signature _____ Date _____