

# **Level of Competence Definitions (ISCP)**

## **1. Has observed**

Exit descriptor; at this level the trainee:

- Has adequate knowledge of the steps through direct observation.
- Demonstrates that he/she can handle instruments relevant to the procedure appropriately and safely.
- Can perform some parts of the procedure with reasonable fluency.

## **2. Can do with assistance**

Exit descriptor; at this level the trainee:

- Knows all the steps - and the reasons that lie behind the methodology.
- Can carry out a straightforward procedure fluently from start to finish.
- Knows and demonstrates when to call for assistance/advice from the supervisor (knows personal limitations).

## **3. Can do whole but may need assistance**

Exit descriptor; at this level the trainee:

- Can adapt to well known variations in the procedure encountered, without direct input from the trainer.
- Recognises and makes a correct assessment of common problems that are encountered.
- Is able to deal with most of the common problems.
- Knows and demonstrates when he/she needs help.
- Requires advice rather than help that requires the trainer to scrub.

## **4. Competent to do without assistance, including complications**

Exit descriptor, at this level the trainee:

- With regard to the common clinical situations in the specialty, can deal with straightforward and difficult cases to a satisfactory level and without the requirement for external input.
- Is at the level at which one would expect a UK consultant surgeon to function.
- Is capable of supervising trainees.

Generic module 3 addresses basic surgical skills including skin incision and closure, safe diathermy use.

Bowel anastomosis is at the level of "knows how"

Procedure	Level of Competency
Urethral Catheterisation	3
Suprapubic Catheterisation	3
Circumcision	2
Epididymal Cyst	2
Hydrocoele	2
Vasectomy	1
Flexible Cystoscopy	3
Rigid Cystoscopy	3
Insertion ureteric stent	2
Orchidopexy for torsion	2
Insertion Nephrostomy	1
Urodynamics studies	1
TRUS Biopsy	2
TURP	1
TURBT	1
Skin incision	4
Skin closure	4
Abdominal wall closure	2
Bowel anastomosis	1