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Session: EPAs: Promises and Challenges

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Introduction: Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) are gaining interest around the world, in both undergraduate medical education (UME) and in graduate medical education (GME). While not required in Obstetrics and Gynecology, they are in other disciplines such as Surgery. Therefore, it is wise for all of us to have a fundamental understanding of EPAs.

Objectives:

1. Define EPAs and nested EPAs
2. Describe use in undergraduate medical education
3. Identify promises and challenges in graduate medical education

Key Words:

Competency based medical education
Entrustable Professional Activities
Nested EPAs

Pre-work:

Please read “Entrustable professional activities and entrustment decision-making for competency-based education in the health professions: an introduction,” which can be downloaded for free at this site

<https://www.ubiquitypress.com/site/chapters/e/10.5334/bdc.a/>

Session Plan:

This will be a brief, 30-minute, didactic on EPAs including discussion of experience with the requirements by the American Board of Surgery and how one institution is handling the required use of EPAs.

Resources:

This book is freely available for you to download:

Entrustable Professional Activities and Entrustment Decision-Making in Health Professions Education <https://library.oopen.org/handle/20.500.12657/94139>