

MBCTS Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (Surgical DOPS)

Trainer/Trainee Guidance Points

These guidance points are to be used in conjunction with point 6 ('performs the technical aspects in line with the guidance notes') on the main Surgical DOPS form. A mark should not be given for each of these points – they should instead be used to inform the mark to be given for point 6.

Specialty: Cardiothoracic Surgery

Procedure: Insertion of chest drain

Steps to be performed

1. Placement based on explicit knowledge of surface and visceral anatomy
2. Controlled dissection through to pleura with digital exploration of pleural cavity
3. Safe and appropriate placement of chest drain
4. Appropriate management of drain post insertion