

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: Dissection of Internal Mammary Artery

Steps to be performed

1. Mediastinal dissection / opens pericardium as per trainer
2. Uses retractor so as to obtain appropriate access to IMA
3. Demonstrates appropriate and careful dissection of IMA as per trainer
4. Demonstrates adequate blood flow in IMA
5. Asks for patient to be heparinised as per local protocol
6. Protects and places graft for later use as per trainer