

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: Median Sternotomy

Steps to be performed

1. Incision based on anatomical landmarks that are explicitly defined
2. Sternum marked in midline prior to using saw
3. Division of xiphisternum & blunt dissection of sub-sternal tissues
4. Demonstration of appropriate sub-sternal plane
5. Division of sternum in midline by saw
6. Haemostasis
7. Liases appropriately with anaesthetist and other staff