

# 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:** Closure of Median Sternotomy

### Steps to be performed

1. Haemostasis as appropriate
2. Appropriate placement of sternal wires / closure device
3. Wires tightened satisfactorily
4. Closure of subcutaneous tissues
5. Aesthetically and functionally acceptable skin closure