

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: Thoracotomy

Steps to be performed

1. Incision based on anatomical landmarks that are explicitly defined
2. Muscles identified and divided
3. Demonstration of appropriate rib space
4. Safe entry into intercostal space
5. Haemostasis
6. Appropriate placement of retractor
7. Liaises appropriately with anaesthetist and other staff