

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 Thoracotomy

Steps to be performed

1. Haemostasis as appropriate
2. Rib space closed with method as per trainer
3. Reconstitution of muscle layer in anatomical fashion
4. Closure of subcutaneous tissues
5. Aesthetically and functionally acceptable skin closure