

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: Port placement and management during video assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS)

Steps to be performed

1. Identification of placement site using anatomical landmarks
2. Dissection over superior border of rib and safe pleural entry confirmed digitally
3. Insertion of primary and secondary ports and camera management