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MINI-CLINICAL EVALUATION EXERCISE (MINI-CEX) ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

What is the Mini-CEX Assessment?

The Mini-CEX assessment involves the trainee being observed in an encounter with a patient and rated by an assessor (Clinical Supervisor or Director of Training) on a number of dimensions.

This is a work-based, in-training assessment which involves rating the trainee on an activity which already occurs in current training such as seeing a patient in the clinic. Immediate feedback is provided to the trainee and is the most important part of the exercise.

Who should be an Assessor?

Trainees should ask any Clinical Supervisor or Director of Training to conduct a Mini-CEX assessment for them.

Assessors need not have had contact with trainees previously in order to be a Mini-CEX assessment assessor.

How should it Work?

The Mini-CEX assessment can take place in the ward, clinic, in radiation treatment, during treatment planning or in other suitable clinical contexts.

Verbal patient consent should be sought before the Mini-CEX assessment commences.

As trainees have chosen the clinical encounter as their Mini-CEX assessment they should lead the assessment.

The observed encounter should take no longer than 15-20 minutes (maybe slightly longer if a new patient is being assessed).

Feedback should take no longer than 5-10 minutes.
What do Trainees do with the Form

Note: Not all sections of the form need to be completed in one clinical encounter.

The Mini-CEX assessment form can be downloaded from the College website. The Mini-CEX assessment form should be completed at the time of the assessment encounter.

Trainees must ensure that their name, year of training, assessor's name and the date of the assessment are recorded at the top of the form.

Assessors should ensure that a patient diagnosis/problem, the complexity of the case and the location of the assessment are recorded at the top of the form. The form must be dated and signed by the trainee and the assessor.

How to Submit the Assessment?

Trainees are required to complete the Mini-CEX assessment form. The trainee is to retain the completed assessment and return to the College by 31 January 2022 together, with other completed assessments using the Training Assessment Summary Submission Form.

Feedback to Trainees

The primary aim of the Mini-CEX assessment is to provide feedback on trainee performance. The assessor should comment on areas of strength, areas which could be improved upon and an action plan should be developed to outline how the trainee might improve these aspects of their performance.
Trainee requests a Mini-C EX assessment to be assessed from their Clinical Supervisor or DoT (assessor).

After verbal consent from the patient has been given, the assessor observes the trainee conducting the Mini-C EX assessment.

The assessor completes and signs the Mini-C EX assessment form and provides feedback to the trainee.

The trainee is required to complete the Mini-C EX assessment form. The trainee is to retain the completed assessment and return to the College by 31 January 2022 together with other completed assessments using the Training Assessment Summary Submission Form.