EPIC ABEM APP Assistance Program

Instructions

Assessment of Practice Performance

American Board of Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine Continuous Certification (EMCC)

To help you maintain ABEM certification, the EPIC Board of Managers has decided to offer assistance in meeting the requirements relating to the “Assessment of Practice Performance” component of the “Emergency Medicine Continuous Certification” of the American Board of Emergency Medicine. The Compliance Committee of EPIC has developed a program to assist you in meeting one of the two APP requirements to maintain “clinically active” Board Certification designation. Please, note, if you fail to maintain your “clinically active” Board Certification, you will lose your hospital privileges.

As you may be aware, the ABEM Emergency Medicine Continuous Certification (EMCC) program is based on four components, as envisioned by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). The four components of the ABEM EMCC Program are:

1. Professional Standing
2. Lifelong Learning and Self Assessment (LLSA)
3. Assessment of Cognitive Expertise
4. Assessment of Practice Performance.

EPIC has designed a program to help you with #4, Assessment of Practice Performance (APP).

Should you choose to use them, you will find materials that will help you meet one component of the APP, the “Patient Care Practice Improvement (PI) module. You will notice that there is a spreadsheet for the chart review that is required in order to complete this module.

ABEM specifies that you collect and review patient clinical care data from ten patients. The data must be related to a single presentation, disease, or clinical care process, which is part of *The Model of the Clinical Practice of Emergency Medicine* (EM Model). See accompanying reprint from the ABEM website, titled “Requirement for Assessment of Practice Performance.

EPIC has developed materials for the “clinical presentation”, Chest Pain. The criteria used for the review, is based on Sullivan chart review metrics. Here are the steps you need to take to complete this task:

1. Collect and review patient clinical care data from 10 patients, presenting with Chest Pain, who you personally and exclusively cared for.
   1. Teri Ball can assist you in gathering the appropriate charts (phone 801-631-7724 or email: [teriball321@msn.com](mailto:teriball321@msn.com).
2. Grade your charts according to evidence-based guidelines on the included spreadsheet.
   1. Be sure to put your name on the sheet
   2. Complete the sheet according to instructions on the top of the sheet was well as the bottom half of the sheet.
   3. Score the sheet in the appropriate box, according to directions on the spreadsheet.
3. Return the reviewed charts as well as the spreadsheet to Teri Ball.
4. Develop and implement a practice improvement plan, based on your performance in meeting the metrics on the spreadsheet. The practice improvement plan could include a change in a process, such as adding clinical reminders, personal education, etc. The plan should be submitted to Teri Ball, so we can keep this in your file, along with the spreadsheets.
5. After you have implemented the improvement plan for 3 months, you will need to collect and review patient care data from 10 additional patients of yours, with the same presentation (Chest Pain). Again, Teri Ball will assist in collecting charts if you want.
   1. Use this data to evaluate whether clinical performance has positively changed or if acceptable performance is maintained.
   2. Return the second set of 10 charts and the second spreadsheet to Teri Ball.
6. The final step is to attest to completion of this APP activity, and that it fulfills ABEM requirements. You do this by accessing the ABEM website and sign into EMCC online and access your personal page and then select the APP attestation option from the menu of options.
   1. Complete the required information
   2. You must specify a verifier.
      1. This needs to be someone with oversight or knowledge of your practice performance activity.
      2. EPIC’s Chief Compliance Officer will fulfill this role, if you so chose.
      3. EPIC will keep on file your spreadsheets and improvement plan, should ABEM require verification of your completion of this requirement.

Please note, you will have to begin, complete and attest to completion of two Patient Care Performance Improvement (PI) activities: one, in years one-four and the second one, in years five-eight. The timetable is determined by the year your current certification expires. See the enclosed document, “EMCC Requirements for Continuous Certification”.

If you want further information, please, visit the ABEM website ([www.abem.org](http://www.abem.org)) and/or contact the EPIC office, which ever seems appropriate for your needs.