

EXEMPLAR ENP Student Skill Checklist

Student Name:			
Faculty Signature:			
Skill: Cutaneous Incision & Drainage	Date:		
Skill Reference: Campo & Lafferty (2022). Essential Procedures for Emergency, Urgent & Primary Care Settings, pgs. 439-443. Springer.			
How Met		Level of Skill Performance	
O	Direct Observation	1	Below expected standard
V	Verbal/Discussion	2	Fully meets standards
NA	Not Applicable	3	Above standards

Student performance must be ≥ 2 to perform procedure in clinical setting under preceptor or faculty supervision.

Skill Steps	How Met	Level of Skill Performance
Obtain consent for procedure.		
States/gathers needed equipment & supplies for procedure, including Ultrasound as needed.		
Apply personal protective equipment.		
Identify & confirm the affected area, and place absorbant pad underneath area.		
Begin Ultrasound scanning as desired/needed, starting a short distance from affected area and advancing transducer over area of concern. View in 2 planes.		
Cleanse the skin of the abscess in a circular motion, starting at the peak of the abscess and applying widely outward.		
Drape the patient to maintain clean area & provide privacy.		
Anesthetize the abscess with a 25g. needle just under and parallel to the skin surface.		
Using a No. 11 or 15 blade, incise the center of the abscess.		
Apply gentle pressure to the area to drain the contents.		
Obtain culture from inside the cavity.		
Use a curved hemostat to break up any loculations.		
Irrigate with normal saline.		
Insert packing into the wound, as indicated.		
Apply generous gauze to promote continued draining.		
Label and send specimens to the laboratory.		
Discard used supplies in appropriate receptacles.		
Document procedure.		

- Student is **COMPETENT** to perform Cutaneous incision & drainage with direct preceptor supervision.
- Student is **NOT COMPETENT** to perform Cutaneous incision & drainage with direct preceptor supervision.