

O9. Common ENT and maxillofacial/dental presentations

Assessment of these competencies is via Mini-CEX, CbD (formative or summative) or ACAT-EM and a reflective log. In addition, key aspects of communication and professionalism can be captured through MSF.

Potential presentations in which these competencies could be assessed include the following:

- Severe epistaxis
- Severe acute sore throat
- Foreign body in ear or nose
- Painful locked jaw
- Potential fracture of jaw
- Loss of tooth
- Dental abscess
- Vertigo +/- loss of balance

Core competencies to achieve (for all patients), are EPA level 3 (Indirect active-partial supervision by senior clinician, no prompting or help provided, direct line of vision or supervisor immediately available).

Knowledge/ Skill/ Behaviour	Detail of competency
Knowledge	Knows the anatomy of the ear, nose and throat
	Knows the common causes of pain in ear and throat and their initial management
	Knows the presentation of dental abscess, teeth avulsion and TMJ dislocation
	Knows the causes of epistaxis including trauma and medication
Skills- History	Is able to establish the timeline of presentation and associated symptoms e.g. dysphagia, joint pain in sore throat as well as any previous presentations and treatments
Skills - Examination	Is able to carry out a full examination of external and internal ear, including use of an Otoscope
	Is able to carry out a full examination of the neck and throat and adjacent lymph nodes
	Is able to identify patient with upper airway obstruction, including stridor
Skills- investigation and treatment	Is able to derive a differential diagnosis and initiate treatment for most likely cause of presentation
	Knows when antibiotics are indicated for sore throats or ear infections

Knowledge/ Skill/ Behaviour	Detail of competency
	Is able to undertake anterior nasal packing /use nasal tampon in epistaxis
Skills- Clinical decision making and judgement	Knows when to refer a patient to ENT for specialist assessment, admission or follow up
Behaviour- Communication & professionalism	No additional competences
Paediatric specific	Outline common life-threatening ENT/ maxillofacial presentations in paediatric age group e.g. epiglottitis, quinsy