



## How to fill out the EPA section of Family Medicine Resident In Training Evaluation Reports (ITERS)

The addition of EPA supervision levels to our off service ITERS (Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Adult Emergency Medicine, FM Urban, Elective/Selective >= 2 weeks/8 shifts, CCU, Internal Medicine, Palliative Care, Pediatrics, OBs Low Risk, Elderly, Hospitalist and Rural FM) has caused some confusion for some of the preceptors completing these.

This document is intended to provide clarity as to “how and when” to fill out the EPA section in the ITER.

### 1. Why is an EPA section needed?

EPAs are units of professional practice, defined as tasks or responsibilities that trainees are entrusted to perform without direct supervision. Selected EPAs have been added to rotation ITERS as a means of gathering **additional**, voluntary, assessment data on each Resident.

### 2. Do I have to fill out the EPA section?

At this time, filling out this section is **optional** and **encouraged if** you understand the knowledge, skills and attitudes expected for the EPAs and the contexts/environments in which the Family Physician is expected to apply these EPAs.

Your assessment of EPAs relevant to your domain does provide us helpful and credible information in assessing our residents. **You are not being asked to make the final decision on this for completion of training, just the level you and your colleagues feel applies to this Resident at this point in time.**

### 3. How do I best fill out EPA section on ITER?

The level of responsibility and supervision delegated to Family Medicine Residents must take into account their level of training and their level of entrustability and competence relevant to that of a Family Medicine trainee (i.e. please do not compare Family Medicine Resident’s level of entrustability of EPA to that of Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellow’s).

### 4. Future directions of ITERS?

Work is currently underway to redefine our EPAs more clearly in alignment with Key Features. This will likely result in some updating of our rotation ITERS.

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