Tips for Assessors - Clinical Field Assessment Report

The clinical field assessment report (CFAR) is a summative evaluation tool administered during the clinical field assessment (CFA) period of the PRA-BC program. The CFAR is designed to capture PRA candidate performance, including performance improvement resulting from feedback provided to the candidate.

The CFAR compiles objective evidence from multiple encounters - through use of field notes, mini evaluation exercise (CEX), multisource feedback (MSF) and chart reviews - to form a comprehensive evaluation of clinical competence.

When to Complete the CFAR

Unless otherwise notified, the following schedule for completion and submission applies:

- Interim CFAR → end of Week 6
- Final CFAR → end of Week 12

How to Complete the CFAR

Both the interim and final CFAR are structured around the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) Domains of Care and the Sentinel Habits for the practice of family medicine.

The interim CFAR allows for the following rankings: never, sometimes, usually or always. Selection should be based on comparison with the CFPC Evaluation Objectives and with the general standards of a competent family physician.

The final CFAR provides an overall evaluation of candidate competence against each of the Sentinel Habits. As this is the final assessment, only two options are included to avoid ambiguity: “competence has been demonstrated” - yes or no.

CFAR Checklist

- Ensure sufficient number of properly completed field notes, Mini-CEX, and MSFs support CFAR decision.
- Include specific examples and comments to support CFAR scoring, especially where ethical or professionalism concerns exist.
- Use CFPC Evaluation Objectives to support comments and scoring.

Note: CFARs MUST be co-signed by candidate prior to returning forms to PRA-BC offices.

Reference

2. Information Binder for Assessors of International Medical Graduates, Saskatchewan International Physicians Practice Assessment (SIPPA). Division of Continuing Professional Learning, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Accessed: Fall 2012 (Revised) http://saskdocs.ca/work/family-physician---imgs/sippa/

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