This EPA Core of Discipline - COD EPA 3A (PGY2&3) documents the resident’s ability to provide consultation to other clinical services, in particular, to complete the patient assessment and make effective management decisions. Supervisor (staff and/or supervising resident or fellow) does assessment based on direct** or indirect observation.

**Direct** = unfiltered case review at the time of presentation, with validation of part of the history/physical by the supervisor followed by discussion of the management plan.

EPA MILESTONES: COD3A Consultation – Patient Assessment

1. Identify relevant clinical issues in a consultation request
2. Perform focused clinical assessments without missing key elements
3. Develop recommendations for management that address the consult question and consider the patient’s status and other health problems
4. Establish a clear agreement with the referring physician about roles and responsibilities regarding ongoing care
5. Determine the necessity and timing of referral to another health care professional
6. Integrate best-evidence and clinical expertise into decision-making

HOW TO COMPLETE AN EPA ASSESSMENT:

1. You or the resident initiate the assessment. The assessment may be based on direct observation or case discussion.
2. You or the resident sign onto Elentrà, and provide the assessment demographics. This can be done on the mobile phone or computer top.
3. From the list of milestones pertinent to the EPA, choose 2-3 milestones that are relevant to the activity, and indicate their performance level on each milestone you assessed, using the entrustment scale. You are not required to cover all milestones, but are welcome to.
4. Using the global entrustment scale, decide whether the resident can be entrusted overall to perform this activity with a similar case in the future. In general, residents are not expected to be entrusted early in a new stage of training, although this particular tool verifies skills that should have been learned in medical school.
5. Describe 2-3 strengths and 2-3 actions, or areas for improvement. Please provide detailed and actionable comments based on your observations of their performance.
6. Discuss your feedback with the resident.