

Imperial College Assessment of Technical Skills for Nurses (ICATS-N)

Session no: _____ Date: _____
Assessor (name or initials): _____
Trainee/participant (name or initials): _____
Is this a self-assessment? YES NO

Instructions: please follow the key given below and circle the number corresponding to the Scrub Nurse's performance.

N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Not applicable	Not done at all					Done very well

Core skill	Observable items	Scale						
Gowning & Gloving	A1. Gowning and gloving using closed method	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	A2. Placement of gloved hand: clasped mid-chest	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	A3. Back of gown closed using tag	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Setting up instrumentation	B1. Established working area	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	B2. Individually count and name instrument with circulating nurse	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	B3. Count swabs in 5s, showing Raytex and tie	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	B4. Placement of sharps in kidney dish	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	B5. Prepare swabs for cleaning	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Draping	C1. Ensure 2 team-members drape together	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	C2. Hand drape over right-side up and without dragging (supporting drape); open tray drape in sterile manner	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	C3. First two sides, followed by bottom, followed by top	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maintaining sterile field	D1. Hand instrumentation to surgeon in a sterile manner without touching working end	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	D2. Anticipate surgeon's needs (e.g., clip-clip-scissors-ties, suction, larger swabs)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	D3. Have control of instrumentation and soiled swabs – i.e. no instruments lying on top of patient	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6
	D4. Posture and movement: when facing the trolley keep eye contact on procedure	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6