



Tips for Completing the New Clerkship Clinical Assessment Form

Purpose

- Document assessment of a clerkship student's clinical performance

What's the same?

- Individual competencies remain the same

What's new?

- Numerical anchors have been removed on individual competencies.
- New overall assessment rating:
 - requires a holistic judgement
 - is a holistic judgement, not an aggregate of the individual competencies

How to use the form:

1. Assess the student on each of the competencies.
 - expectation is that students will receive a variety of ratings on these items
 - no algorithm aggregates these overall to come up with the overall assessment rating
2. Select an overall assessment rating.
 - informed by performance on individual competencies
 - rating of “Meets expectations” or above on the overall assessment rating is required to be satisfactory in the clerkship course
 - student may receive “Below expectations” on some items and be satisfactory overall on the global rating
 - “Unsatisfactory” on even one competency, if substantiated by narrative data, could be cause to consider an overall assessment rating of “Unsatisfactory”
3. Provide narrative feedback to the student.
 - narrative feedback is required
 - note both strengths and areas for improvement
 - narrative feedback is very important for workplace-based assessment and should be provided for every student
 - if a student is “Unsatisfactory” on any individual items or on the overall assessment rating, it is critical to provide narrative feedback

****NEW **** Please review the brief whiteboard video on effective narrative feedback via the following link:

<https://ofd.med.utoronto.ca/resources/how-improve-narrative-feedback>

*Important changes beginning with class of 2022 clerks (clerks in thirds year clerkship in 2020-2021 academic year):

a) For core and elective clerkship courses, narrative comments from the “strengths” section will be included on the Medical Student Performance Record (MSPR) that is submitted as part of application to residency. Comments from the areas for improvement WILL NOT appear on the MSPR but are crucial for feedback and to provide more context which informs the overall global rating.

b) individual competency ratings from the clinical assessment form will not appear on the MSPR. Each clerkship course will be reported as credit or no credit.