

Appendix 3: Critical conditions

Critical Conditions - Otolaryngology

Otolaryngology manages a large number of individual conditions as described in the syllabus. Assessment of a trainee's ability to manage these is through the supervision level decisions made when assessing the shared CiPs. Otolaryngology also has a list of critical conditions which are of significant importance for patient safety and to demonstrate a safe breadth of practice. These critical conditions will be assessed individually by means of the Case Based Assessment (CBD) and Clinical Evaluation Exercise (CEX) which will both provide formative feedback to the trainee and feed into the summative assessments of the AES and ARCP. To ensure that trainees have the necessary skills in the critical conditions, by certification (the end of phase 3) there should be documented evidence of performance at the level of a day-one consultant to level 4 of the CEX or CBD: *Appropriate for certification* (see CBD/CEX forms for the full list of levels).

- 1) Adult airway obstruction (malignancy, inhalation injury etc.)
- 2) Paediatric airway obstruction
- 3) Upper aero-digestive tract foreign body and chemical injury (including batteries)
- 4) Acute infections of the upper aero-digestive tract including tonsillitis & supraglottitis
- 5) Deep neck space abscess and necrotising fasciitis
- 6) Management of tonsillar haemorrhage and other major upper aerodigestive tract haemorrhage
- 7) Blunt and penetrating trauma to the neck
- 8) Epistaxis including sphenopalatine artery ligation
- 9) Complications of acute and chronic sinusitis including orbital cellulitis
- 10) Complications of ear sepsis including acute mastoiditis and necrotising otitis externa
- 11) Acute balance disorder including vestibulopathy, and diagnostic understanding of brain stem stroke and multiple sclerosis
- 12) Sudden onset sensorineural hearing loss