

# Surgical VOP Assessment Report

**Video:** 2504\_simple\_interrupted.mp4

**Pattern:** Simple Interrupted

## Rubric Assessment

### 1. Perpendicular needle passes

Needle entries were performed with a controlled perpendicular approach and symmetric bites on both sides, producing consistent right-angle passes with minimal shear.

**Score: 4/5 - Proficient**

### 2. Gentle tissue handling

Tissue handling was atraumatic with a single, precise toothed forceps grasp for edge presentation and no evidence of repeated crushing.

**Score: 4/5 - Proficient**

### 3. Square, secure knots

Knots were consistently secured and tails trimmed; knot morphology appeared appropriately tightened and flat on inspection, deserving benefit of the doubt for square configuration.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

### 4. Appropriate approximation/tension

Wound edges were well approximated without gapping or excessive blanching; slight intended eversion present but no overt puckering.

**Score: 4/5 - Proficient**

### 5. Even spacing (0.5-1.0 cm)

Sutures were placed at uniform intervals along the length of the incision, demonstrating even spacing within the acceptable range.

**Score: 4/5 - Proficient**

### 6. Proper dermal and epidermal apposition

Dermal and epidermal layers were aligned appropriately with mild eversion at stitch sites, producing good tissue apposition overall.

**Score: 4/5 - Proficient**

### 7. Economy of time and motion

Hand and instrument positioning remained close to the work area with controlled, economical motions; there were brief pauses and occasional off-field repositioning but no inefficiency that compromised flow.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

**Average Score: 3.7/5**

### Summative Assessment:

The operator executed a methodical, competent series of simple interrupted skin sutures with excellent hand-instrument coordination. Needle handling was precise and repeatable, forceps use was judicious, and knots were consistently tied and trimmed, producing a neat, well-approximated closure with slight eversion appropriate for skin. Movements

were economical and focused, maintaining a stable working geometry throughout the case. Minor inefficiencies consisted of brief pauses for repositioning and intermittent non-instrumented assessments, but these did not degrade technical quality. Overall this is a reliable, reproducible performance demonstrating sound technique and effective operative flow suitable for superficial skin closure.