

Surgical VOP Assessment Report

Video: 2503_simple_interrupted.mp4

Pattern: Simple Interrupted

Rubric Assessment

1. Perpendicular needle passes

Needle entries were generally close to perpendicular early with occasional more oblique passes later; overall bites appeared symmetric but not uniformly true right-angle for every pass.

Score: 3/5 - Competent

2. Gentle tissue handling

Tissue handling was controlled with single precise opposing grasps using forceps or fingertip and avoided repeated crushing maneuvers.

Score: 4/5 - Proficient

3. Square, secure knots

Knots were consistently seated and secure with short trimmed tails; precise knot configuration (square vs. granny) was not always distinguishable but security was evident.

Score: 3/5 - Competent

4. Appropriate approximation/tension

Edge approximation was excellent—edges met without gaping or blanching and tension was modulated to avoid puckering.

Score: 4/5 - Proficient

5. Even spacing (0.5-1.0 cm)

Stitch intervals were uniform and evenly distributed along the entire length, consistent with appropriate 0.5–1.0 cm spacing.

Score: 4/5 - Proficient

6. Proper dermal and epidermal apposition

Dermal and epidermal layers were well apposed with slight, appropriate eversion at each stitch achieving good layer alignment.

Score: 4/5 - Proficient

7. Economy of time and motion

Hands and instruments remained close to the wound with efficient, coordinated two-handed technique and minimal extraneous movements.

Score: 4/5 - Proficient

Average Score: 3.7/5

Summative Assessment:

The operator performed a disciplined, methodical series of simple interrupted sutures with excellent hand coordination and consistent tissue handling. Needle control, suture tensioning, and knot security were maintained throughout, producing an evenly spaced, well-everted closure with short, tidy tails. Areas for refinement are minor: maintain perpendicular needle entry more consistently across all bites and ensure unequivocal

square knot technique when visible. Overall this is a competent, efficient closure demonstrating sound operative technique and attention to detail.