

# Surgical VOP Assessment Report

**Video:** 2501\_subcuticular.mp4

**Pattern:** Subcuticular

## Rubric Assessment

### 1. Consistent dermal bites (running path)

Bites are placed in a steady, linear progression with uniform step length for most of the line; minor variation in bite depth/spacing is observed but does not disrupt overall continuity.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

### 2. Opposing entry/exit symmetry

Left-right entries generally mirror one another with good balance across the wound; occasional slight asymmetry in a few passes required minor adjustment during tie-down.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

### 3. No unintended surface breaches

Closure remains confined to the intended plane with only a transient externalized loop/handling noted that did not represent a deliberate external finish.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

### 4. Gentle tissue handling

Tissue handling is controlled and atraumatic overall—forceps consistently evert edges and needle driving is precise, with only occasional firmer fingertip manipulation in tight areas.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

### 5. Square, secure knots

Knots are consistently constructed, square, and adequately tensioned with occasional slightly prominent tails but overall secure and effective.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

### 6. Flat, well-approximated skin

Final skin approximation is flat and well apposed with slight, correctable contour variation at a few stitches but no persistent ridging or gapping.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

### 7. Economy of time and motion

Workflow is methodical and efficient with coordinated instrument exchange and minimal wasted motion; a few brief pauses for adjustment modestly slowed cadence.

**Score: 3/5 - Competent**

**Average Score: 3.0/5**

### Summative Assessment:

The operator executed a methodical subcuticular closure with reliable hand coordination, close instrument triangulation, and deliberate needle control. The suture line progressed smoothly with generally uniform bites and effective eversion, producing a secure, cosmetically acceptable approximation. Technique demonstrates proficient tissue respect and knot security, with only minor variability in bite depth, occasional brief pauses for

adjustment, and small tail prominence. Overall performance is competent-to-proficient and appropriate for clinical application with minimal refinements needed for maximal consistency.