

EPA 2: Formulate and justify a prioritized differential diagnosis.

Pre-entrustable

- Relies on limited aspects of his/her assessment to generate the differential diagnosis, failing to integrate elements across the history, physical examination, and investigative studies
- Identifies one or two sensible diagnostic possibilities for clinical presentations, but misses important, common diagnoses
- Has trouble identifying the most likely etiology when a differential diagnosis is generated
- Selects differential diagnoses which typically lack adequate justification and prioritization
- Does not routinely consider determinants of health in generating or prioritizing the differential diagnosis

Entrustable

- Lists diagnostic possibilities by integrating elements from the history, physical examination, and investigative studies
- Identifies the major diagnostic possibilities for common clinical presentations
- Justifies and prioritizes a most likely diagnosis based on information from his/her clinical assessment
- Incorporates major determinants of health for the patient when generating and prioritizing the differential
- Balances the tendency to be too all encompassing yet avoids errors of premature closure