

EPA 3: Formulate an initial plan of investigation based on the diagnostic hypotheses.

Pre-entrustable

- Orders tests that are not relevant or helpful in the clinical situation
- Does not discuss with patients the possible consequences of ordering certain tests
- Does not take into account the potential adverse effects of the ordered tests
- Does not justify the selection of the tests according to best practices
- Does not ensure a follow up of the tests

Entrustable

- Orders (or decides not to order) tests considering their features and limitations (e.g., reliability, sensitivity, specificity), availability, acceptability for the patient, inherent risks and contribution to a management decision
- In case of social implications of positive results, discusses the selection of the tests with patients/ family/ caregiver/ advocate when ordering them (e.g. HIV, pregnancy in an adolescent)
- Identifies levels of uncertainty at each step of the diagnostic process and do not over-investigate or under-investigate
- Chooses diagnostic interventions using evidence or best practice/ guidelines according to costs and availability of resources taking into consideration the way in which care is organized
- Identifies who will be responsible for the follow-up of the test results