

Tips for using: Clinical Evaluation Exercise (CEX) / for Consent (CEXC)

- Reserve time in a clinic (new patient slot) when both trainee and assessor are available – this enables the assessor to watch an entire trainee/patient encounter.
- Use ward rounds for shorter 'snapshots' of individual components.
- Ask the trainee to present findings to the assessor in the presence of the patient (unless it is regarded to be too sensitive). This encourages the trainee to be more succinct and stay focussed.

Appropriate settings:

Early years

- Clinic, new and follow up patients
- CEXC - day-case lists are ideal for assessing consent
- Breaking bad news in planned settings
- Dealing with a patient/relative who has a complaint

Intermediate Stage

- Clinic
- Guiding a junior trainee in clinic
- Breaking bad news in unexpected settings
- Leading a ward round
- Ward-based severely ill patients and their relatives
- A&E-based severely ill patients and their relatives
- Dealing with the dying patient

Final Stage

- Leading a clinic
- Guiding a junior trainee in clinic
- Breaking bad news in complex settings and highly sensitive situations
- Leading a ward round
- Ward-based emergency situations
- A&E-based emergency situations
- Interviews with patients/relatives
- Dealing with the dying patient
- Conflict resolution