Supervision Code help guide

The following supervision definitions have been approved by JCST for usage in recording surgical training experience in the UK & Ireland.

The respective contribution of the trainee and trainer should be considered at the end of the procedure and the recorded supervision code should reflect this discussion. Logbook record should be validated by the trainer.

1. **TRAINEE/NON-CONSULTANT CODES**

Assisting (A):
The trainer completes the procedure from start to finish
The trainee performs the approach and closure of the wound
The trainer performs the key components of the procedure

Supervised - trainer scrubbed (S-TS):
The trainee performs key components of the procedure (as defined in the relevant PBA) with the trainer scrubbed

Supervised - trainer unscrubbed (S-TU):
The trainee completes the procedure from start to finish
The trainer is unscrubbed and is:
- in the operating theatre throughout
- in the operating theatre suite and regularly enters the operating theatre during the procedure (70% of the duration of the procedure)

Performed (P):
The trainee completes the procedure from start to finish
The trainer is present for <70% of the duration of the procedure
The trainer is not in the operating theatre and is:
- scrubbed in the adjacent operating theatre
- not in the operating suite but is in the hospital

Training more junior trainee (T):
A non-consultant grade surgeon training a junior trainee

Observed (O):
Procedure observed by an unscrubbed trainee

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2. CONSULTANT CODES

Performed (P):
The trainer completes the procedure from start to finish
The trainee performs the approach and closure of the wound
The trainer performs the key components of the procedure

Supervised (Scrubbed) (S-S):
The trainee performs key components of the procedure (as defined in the relevant PBA) with the trainer scrubbed

Supervised (in theatre) (S-U):
The trainee completes the procedure from start to finish
The trainer is unscrubbed and is:
- in the operating theatre throughout
- in the operating theatre suite and regularly enters the operating theatre during the procedure (70% of the duration of the procedure)

Supervised (in hospital) (S-H):
The trainee completes the procedure from start to finish
The trainer is present for <70% of the duration of the procedure
The trainer is not in the operating theatre and is:
- scrubbed in the adjacent operating theatre
- not in the operating suite but is in the hospital

Under my care (UC):
Non-consultant training a junior trainee whilst performing on consultant’s patient

Observed (O):
New procedure observed by an unscrubbed trainer

Performed with Consultant Colleague (P-CC):
Multiple consultants perform designated procedures as part of more complex operative instance (for example inter-specialty scenarios)