

**Table 3 Core skills competencies (rated  $\geq 2.2$ –3.0) for cardiovascular disorders**

<b>Cardiovascular disease (skills competencies)</b>	<b>Expert rating</b>
To formulate a comprehensive history from patients with cardiovascular diseases	3.00
To apply knowledge about presenting symptoms of cardiovascular system (chest pain, dyspnoea, orthopnoea, paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea, palpitations, nocturia, oedema, anorexia, syncope, pre-syncope, dizziness, intermittent claudication, fatigue) in obtaining history from patient	3.00
To demonstrate competency in performing a comprehensive cardiovascular examination starting with proper positioning of the patient to the general appearance then by examining the hands, the face, the trachea, the chest and the pericardium	2.80
To demonstrate competency in eliciting physical signs of CHF	2.80
To demonstrate on CXR most of the findings associated with CHF	2.60
To identify based on ECG interpretations ischaemic changes consistent with acute coronary syndrome	2.50
To demonstrate competency skills in examining patient with mi and be familiar with Killip classification	2.40
To identify based on ECG interpretations ischemic changes consistent with mi	2.70
To demonstrate competency in eliciting signs of aortic stenosis	2.30
To demonstrate competency in eliciting signs of mitral stenosis	2.70
To demonstrate competency in eliciting signs of aortic regurgitation	2.70
To demonstrate competency in eliciting signs of mitral regurgitation	2.60
To identify the ECG changes seen in pericarditis and pericardial effusion	2.20
To demonstrate competency in eliciting signs of pericardial diseases	2.40
To demonstrate on CXR changes consistent with pericardial effusion	2.20
To demonstrate competency in eliciting signs of deep venous thrombosis	2.70
To demonstrate competency in measuring the blood pressure	3.00
To demonstrate competency in examining patients with hypertension	2.40

*Separate tables for all skills competencies, including core skills, for all systems are available from the author upon request.  
CHF = congestive heart failure; CXR = chest X-ray; ECG = electrocardiogram.*