

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Skill Sheet: Endotracheal Tube and Tracheostomy Tube Suctioning**

* Indicates <b>Critical Criteria</b> Items	Possible Points	Points Awarded
* Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
<b>Prepare for Suctioning</b>		
* Uses and maintains sterile technique appropriate to prehospital setting	1	
* Chooses appropriate size soft-tipped suction catheter	1	
Assures that patient is prepared with proper oxygen/ventilation	1	
* Assures suction equipment functions properly	1	
<b>Endotracheal Tube Suction</b>		
* Measures depth of catheter insertion by using one of the approved methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure against unused ETT of the same size used on patient</li> <li>• Measure from sternal notch to earlobe, then from earlobe to corner of lip</li> </ul>	1	
Inserts suction catheter into ETT no deeper than length measured	1	
* Applies suction while removing catheter from ETT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Twists” or slightly “swirls” catheter while retracting</li> <li>• * Suctions no longer than 15 seconds for adult; 5 seconds for child/infant</li> </ul>	2	
<b>Tracheostomy Tube Suction</b>		
* Measures depth of catheter insertion by using one of the approved methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure against unused tracheostomy of the same size used on patient</li> <li>• Measure from sternal notch to tip of tracheostomy tube</li> </ul>	1	
Inserts suction catheter into ETT no deeper than length measured	1	
* Applies suction while removing catheter from tracheostomy tube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Twists” or slightly “swirls” catheter while retracting</li> <li>• * Suctions no longer than 15 seconds for adult; 5 seconds for child/infant</li> </ul>	2	
<b>Patient Assessment</b>		
Demonstrates/verbalizes removal and replacement of O2 and ventilation	1	
Demonstrates/verbalizes assessment of airway and respiratory status	1	
<b>* Total Points</b>	<b>15</b>	

**Critical Criteria**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not use appropriate standard precautions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not maintain sterility appropriate to prehospital setting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not use appropriate size equipment and/or measure catheter correctly
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not assure equipment functioned properly
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applied suction while entering tube
- \_\_\_\_\_ Suctioned for longer than maximum allowed time
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not obtain a minimum score of 12

Proctor's name and certification/license level \_\_\_\_\_



Pass



Fail