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Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination

BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____

		Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions		1	
Checks responsiveness	***NOTE: After checking responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs the candidate, "The patient is unresponsive and apneic."***	1	
Checks breathing		1	
Requests additional EMS assistance		1	
Checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "You palpate a weak carotid pulse at a rate of 60."			
Opens airway properly		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus."			
Prepares rigid suction catheter		1	
Turns on power to suction device or retrieves manual suction device		1	
Inserts rigid suction catheter without applying suction		1	
Suctions the mouth and oropharynx		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth and oropharynx are clear."			
Opens the airway manually		1	
Inserts oropharyngeal airway		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct."			
Ventilates the patient immediately using a BVM device unattached to oxygen [Award this point if candidate elects to ventilate initially with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.]		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.			
Re-checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds		1	
Attaches the BVM assembly [mask, bag, reservoir] to oxygen [15 L/minute]		1	
Ventilates the patient adequately -Proper volume to make chest rise (1 point) -Proper rate [10 – 12/minute but not to exceed 12/minute] (1 point)		2	
NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"			

Actual Time Ended: _____ **TOTAL** 17 _____

Critical Criteria

___ After suctioning the patient, failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
___ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
___ Failure to suction airway **before** ventilating the patient
___ Suctions the patient for an excessive and prolonged time
___ Failure to check responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
___ Failure to check pulse for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
___ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
___ Failure to ventilate the patient at a rate of at least 10/minute and no more than 12/minute
___ Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
___ Insertion or use of any adjunct in a manner dangerous to the patient
___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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PATIENT ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT – TRAUMA

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____
Scenario #: _____

NOTE: Areas denoted by "" may be integrated within sequence of Primary Survey/Resuscitation**

Actual Time Started: _____

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
SCENE SIZE-UP		
Determines the scene/situation is safe	1	
Determines the mechanism of injury/nature of illness	1	
Determines the number of patients	1	
Requests additional EMS assistance if necessary	1	
Considers stabilization of the spine	1	
PRIMARY SURVEY/RESUSCITATION		
Verbalizes general impression of the patient	1	
Determines responsiveness/level of consciousness	1	
Determines chief complaint/apparent life-threats	1	
Airway -Opens and assesses airway (1 point) -Inserts adjunct as indicated (1 point)	2	
Breathing -Assesses breathing (1 point) -Assures adequate ventilation (1 point) -Initiates appropriate oxygen therapy (1 point) -Manages any injury which may compromise breathing/ventilation (1 point)	4	
Circulation -Checks pulse (1 point) -Assesses skin [either skin color, temperature or condition] (1 point) -Assesses for and controls major bleeding if present (1 point) -Initiates shock management [positions patient properly, conserves body heat] (1 point)	4	
Identifies patient priority and makes treatment/ transport decision (based on calculated GCS)	1	
HISTORY TAKING		
Attempts to obtain SAMPLE history	1	
SECONDARY ASSESSMENT		
Head -Inspects mouth**, nose** and assesses facial area (1 point) -Inspects and palpates scalp and ears (1 point) -Assesses eyes** (1 point)	3	
Neck** -Checks position of trachea (1 point) -Checks jugular veins (1 point) -Palpates cervical spine (1 point)	3	
Chest** -Inspects chest (1 point) -Palpates chest (1 point) -Auscultates chest (1 point)	3	
Abdomen/pelvis** -Inspects and palpates abdomen (1 point) -Assesses pelvis (1 point) -Verbalizes assessment of genitalia/perineum as needed (1 point)	3	
Lower extremities** -Inspects, palpates and assesses motor, sensory and distal circulatory functions (1 point/leg)	2	
Upper extremities -Inspects, palpates and assesses motor, sensory and distal circulatory functions (1 point/arm)	2	
Posterior thorax, lumbar and buttocks** -Inspects and palpates posterior thorax (1 point) -Inspects and palpates lumbar and buttocks areas (1 point)	2	
VITAL SIGNS		
Obtains baseline vital signs [must include BP, P, R] (1 point)	1	
Manages secondary injuries and wounds appropriately	1	
REASSESSMENT		
Demonstrates how and when to reassess the patient	1	
TOTAL	42	

Actual Time Ended: _____

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Critical Criteria

___ Failure to initiate or call for transport of the patient within 10 minute time limit
___ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
___ Failure to determine scene safety
___ Failure to assess for and provide spinal protection when indicated
___ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high concentration of oxygen
___ Failure to assess/provide adequate ventilation
___ Failure to find or appropriately manage problems associated with airway, breathing, hemorrhage or shock
___ Failure to differentiate patient's need for immediate transportation versus continued assessment/treatment at the scene
___ Performs other assessment before assessing/treating threats to airway, breathing and circulation
___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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