



Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination*
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BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____ Possible Points Points Awarded

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| Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions | 1 | |
| Checks responsiveness | 1 | |
| Requests additional EMS assistance | 1 | |
| Checks breathing and pulse simultaneously | 1 | |
| NOTE: After checking responsiveness, then checking breathing and pulse for no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs candidate, "The patient is unresponsive, apneic and has a weak pulse 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 no more than 10 seconds | 1 | |
| Attaches the BVM assembly [mask, bag, reservoir] to oxygen [15 L/minute] ***(if candidate asks evaluator to ventilate patient while they hook O2 TO BVM, the Evaluator will decline and not penalize the student.) | 1 | |
| Ventilates the patient adequately -Proper volume to cause visible chest rise (1 point) -Proper rate [10 – 12/minute (1 ventilation every 5 – 6 seconds)] (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 | 16 |

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 appropriate PPE precautions
- ____ Failure to suction airway **before** ventilating the patient
- ____ Suctions the patient for an excessive and prolonged time
- ____ Failure to check responsiveness, then check breathing and pulse simultaneously for 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 10 – 12/minute (1 ventilation every 5 – 6 seconds)
- ____ 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

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.