



Respiratory Therapy Skills Assessment Checklist

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate your level of experience

A. Theory, no practice	C. One - two years experience
B. Intermittent experience	D. Two plus years experience

1. Treatments/Procedures

a. Assessment

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| i. Breath sounds | A | B | C | D |
| ii. Peak flow rate | A | B | C | D |
| iii. Pulmonary function testing | A | B | C | D |
| iv. Rate and work of breathing | A | B | C | D |
| v. Transcutaneous monitoring | A | B | C | D |

b. Interpretation of lab results

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| i. Arterial blood gases | A | B | C | D |
| ii. Basic EKG | A | B | C | D |
| iii. Blood chemistry | A | B | C | D |
| iv. Chest x-ray | A | B | C | D |

c. Equipment & procedures

i. Airway management devices/suctioning

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| 1. Check intra cuff pressure | A | B | C | D |
| 2. Endotracheal tube/suctioning | A | B | C | D |
| 3. Nasal airway placement | A | B | C | D |
| 4. Nasal airway/suctioning | A | B | C | D |
| 5. Oral airway placement | A | B | C | D |
| 6. Oropharyngeal/suctioning | A | B | C | D |
| 7. Sputum specimen collection | A | B | C | D |
| 8. Tracheostomy/suctioning | A | B | C | D |

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| ii. Analyze oxygen | A | B | C | D |
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| iii. Arterial line insertion | A | B | C | D |
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iv. Care of the patient with a chest tube

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| 1. Assess function/proper operation | A | B | C | D |
| 2. Placement assistance | A | B | C | D |

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| v. Chest physiotherapy | A | B | C | D |
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vi. Drawing arterial blood gases

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| 1. Arterial line | A | B | C | D |
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	2.	Brachial artery	A	B	C	D
	3.	Femoral artery	A	B	C	D
	4.	Radial artery/Allen tests	A	B	C	D
vii.		Extubate	A	B	C	D
viii.		Extubation assistance	A	B	C	D
ix.		Hemodynamic monitoring	A	B	C	D
x.		Incentive spirometry	A	B	C	D
xi.		Infection control practices	A	B	C	D
xii.		Intubate	A	B	C	D
xiii.		Intubation assistance	A	B	C	D
xiv.		Medication delivery systems				
	1.	Aerosol heated/cool	A	B	C	D
	2.	Aerosol set up-mask	A	B	C	D
	3.	Aerosol set up-trach	A	B	C	D
	4.	IPPB	A	B	C	D
	5.	Medihaler	A	B	C	D
	6.	Metered dose inhalers	A	B	C	D
xv.		O2				
	1.	Bag and mask	A	B	C	D
	2.	ET tube	A	B	C	D
	3.	External CPAP	A	B	C	D
	4.	Face masks	A	B	C	D
	5.	Nasal cannula	A	B	C	D
	6.	Nebulizer				
		a. Cold	A	B	C	D
		b. Hand held	A	B	C	D
		c. Heated	A	B	C	D
		d. Ultrasonic	A	B	C	D
	7.	T-piece	A	B	C	D
	8.	Trach collar	A	B	C	D
xvi.		Thoracentesis assistance	A	B	C	D
xvii.		Ventilator set up and care				
	1.	Assist/control	A	B	C	D
	2.	CPAP	A	B	C	D
	3.	Flow-by	A	B	C	D
	4.	High frequency jet ventilator	A	B	C	D
	5.	High frequency oscillator	A	B	C	D
	6.	IMV	A	B	C	D
	7.	Inverse ratio ventilator	A	B	C	D
	8.	Pressure support	A	B	C	D
	9.	Pressure vents	A	B	C	D



10. SIMV	A	B	C	D
11. Trouble shoot pressure alarms	A	B	C	D
12. Volume vents	A	B	C	D
13. Weaning	A	B	C	D
d. Care of the patient with:				
i. Acute/chronic bronchitis	A	B	C	D
ii. ARDS (adult respiratory distress syndrome)	A	B	C	D
iii. Aspiration	A	B	C	D
iv. Asthma	A	B	C	D
v. Bronchoscopy	A	B	C	D
vi. Cardiac surgery	A	B	C	D
vii. CHF	A	B	C	D
viii. COPD	A	B	C	D
ix. Cystic fibrosis	A	B	C	D
x. Epiglottitis	A	B	C	D
xi. Fresh tracheostomy	A	B	C	D
xii. Gullian Barre	A	B	C	D
xiii. Hemopneumothorax	A	B	C	D
xiv. Laryngospasm	A	B	C	D
xv. Myasthenia	A	B	C	D
xvi. Pneumonia	A	B	C	D
xvii. Pulmonary edema	A	B	C	D
xviii. Pulmonary embolism	A	B	C	D
xix. Smoke inhalation	A	B	C	D
xx. Status asthmaticus	A	B	C	D
xxi. Tension pneumothorax	A	B	C	D
xxii. Thoracotomy	A	B	C	D
xxiii. Tracheo-esophageal fistula	A	B	C	D
xxiv. Tuberculosis	A	B	C	D

2. Medications

a. Administration of:				
i. Aerobid, Vanceril	A	B	C	D
ii. Aminophylline (Theophylline)	A	B	C	D
iii. Azmacort	A	B	C	D
iv. Bicarbonate	A	B	C	D
v. Combivent	A	B	C	D
vi. Cromolyn Sodium (Intal)	A	B	C	D
vii. Decadron	A	B	C	D
viii. Flonase	A	B	C	D
ix. Flovent	A	B	C	D



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| x. | Inhaled steroids | A | B | C | D |
| xi. | Ipratropium bromide (Atrovent) | A | B | C | D |
| xii. | Isoetharine (Bronkosol) | A | B | C | D |
| xiii. | Isoproterenol (Isuprel) | A | B | C | D |
| xiv. | Metaproterenol (Alupent) | A | B | C | D |
| xv. | Mucomyst | A | B | C | D |
| xvi. | Nasalcort | A | B | C | D |
| xvii. | Racemic epinephrine | A | B | C | D |
| xviii. | Salbutamol (Albuterol, Proventil, Ventolin) | A | B | C | D |
| xix. | Terbutaline sulfate (Bricanyl) | A | B | C | D |
| b. | Familiar with effects of: | | | | |
| i. | Anectine | A | B | C | D |
| ii. | Atropine | A | B | C | D |
| iii. | Corticosteroids | A | B | C | D |
| iv. | Digitalis | A | B | C | D |
| v. | Digoxin | A | B | C | D |
| vi. | Dopamine | A | B | C | D |
| vii. | Duramorph | A | B | C | D |
| viii. | Heli/ox therapy | A | B | C | D |
| ix. | Ketamine | A | B | C | D |
| x. | Lidocaine | A | B | C | D |
| xi. | Morphine sulfate | A | B | C | D |
| xii. | Nipride | A | B | C | D |
| xiii. | Nitric oxide therapy | A | B | C | D |
| xiv. | Pavulon | A | B | C | D |
| xv. | Pentamidine isethionate | A | B | C | D |
| xvi. | Propofol | A | B | C | D |
| xvii. | Theo-dur | A | B | C | D |
| xviii. | Valium | A | B | C | D |
| xix. | Versed | A | B | C | D |

3. Phlebotomy

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| a. | Equipment & procedures | | | | |
| i. | Drawing blood from central line | A | B | C | D |
| ii. | Drawing blood from peripheral line | A | B | C | D |
| iii. | Drawing venous blood | A | B | C | D |

4. Neonatal/Pediatrics

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| a. | Equipment & procedures | | | | |
| i. | Assist in high risk delivery | A | B | C | D |
| ii. | Capillary blood gases | A | B | C | D |



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| iii. ECMO | A | B | C | D |
| iv. O2 | A | B | C | D |
| v. Umbilical blood gases | A | B | C | D |
| b. Care of the infant or child with: | | | | |
| i. Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) | A | B | C | D |
| ii. Croup | A | B | C | D |
| iii. Epiglottitis | A | B | C | D |
| iv. Meconium aspiration | A | B | C | D |
| v. Near drowning | A | B | C | D |
| vi. Persistent pulmonary hypertension (PPHN) | A | B | C | D |
| vii. Pulmonary interstitial emphysema (PIE) | A | B | C | D |
| viii. Respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) | A | B | C | D |
| ix. Respiratory syncytial virus | A | B | C | D |
| x. Transient tachypnea of the newborn | A | B | C | D |

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Signature: _____ Date: _____