

# PNEUMATIC ANTI-SHOCK GARMENT (P.A.S.G.)

## TIME ALLOWED FOR SKILLS PERFORMANCE - 5 MINUTES

### PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

Given a patient whose condition meets the criteria for application of the Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (P.A.S.G.), the candidate shall, within the allotted time, demonstrate the proper application of the P.A.S.G. using the criteria herein prescribed.

### TESTING CONDITIONS

1. The Examiner shall insure that station is conducted as a testing station and **NOT** as a teaching session.
2. The station shall test only the skill of Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment and shall **NOT** be conducted as a part of any other skill or scenario.
3. Candidates shall be tested in private and one candidate at a time.
4. A non-candidate or a previously tested candidate **MUST** be used as the "patient." The Examiner shall **NOT** be used as the "patient."
5. The "patient" shall **NOT** "cue" the candidate being tested but may assist to the extent that an actual patient would be able. The patient shall be cooperative.
6. The candidate shall be assisted by a partner who shall perform as an EMT. The partner shall be a non-candidate or a previously tested candidate. The Examiner shall **NOT** be used as the partner.
7. Examiner shall require gloves to be in place before station time begins. Other protective barriers are recommended.

### STATION EQUIPMENT

1. Adult Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (P.A.S.G.)
2. A live patient
3. Gloves and protective eyewear
4. Watch or clock with reading in seconds

### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINER

1. The Course Coordinator, lead Instructor, and Examiner are responsible for insuring the presence of all necessary equipment and also for insuring that all equipment is in working order prior to beginning the test session.
2. The Examiner will **NOT** remove or hide equipment required to complete the skill.
3. Before the skills examination begins the candidate should be allowed to check packaging of the P.A.S.G. The P.A.S.G. shall be in its carrying case when the skills examination begins.
4. Care should be taken to remove all sharp objects from the patient before the examination begins.

5. The Examiner shall instruct the candidate to remove the "patient's" clothing if the "patient" is wearing a bathing suit underneath clothing. If "patient" is not wearing bathing suit the Examiner shall instruct the candidate to verbalize clothing removal at the proper time.
6. Scenarios must **NOT** be used except as indicated by the criteria.
7. The Examiner shall prompt candidate **ONLY** as indicated by the criteria.
8. The Examiner will provide information regarding the patient's history **ONLY** as indicated in the criteria.
9. Once a test session has begun, it must be completed within the allotted time with **NO** restarts.
10. Station time shall begin immediately after Examiner finishes examination instructions and informs candidate to begin.
11. The Examiner shall record starting and ending times in the appropriate section of the score sheet.
12. Station time shall **NOT** be restarted or extended for any reason.
13. If station time limit is exceeded, Examiner shall end the test, record skill as failure.
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15. Sequence errors shall **NOT** be penalized unless specified by the grading criteria.
16. Additional steps not called for in criteria shall **NOT** be penalized as sequence errors.
17. Documentation by narrative is required on all steps awarded a "0" and on all skills failures.
18. Candidate shall **NOT** fail because of Examiner or assistant error.

## GRADING CRITERIA

**Examiner states:** "The patient meets all criteria for the application of the P.A.S.G."

1. **Prepares patient for application of the P.A.S.G. (Removes clothing or states "Clothing has been removed," as appropriate)**

2 = Performs above criteria  
0 = Does not perform above criteria

- \*2. **Positions and aligns garment**

2 = Positions garment so top of abdominal section is immediately below lowest lateral rib  
1 = Positions garment so top of abdominal section is no lower than the top of the iliac crest  
0 = Positions garment so abdominal section is above lowest lateral rib or below the top of the iliac crest.

- \*3. **Secures leg sections**

2 = Completes snug application of leg sections  
1 = Applies leg sections loosely  
0 = Omits step

- \*4. **Secures abdominal section**

2 = Completes snug application of abdominal section  
1 = Applies abdominal section loosely  
0 = Omits step

- \*5. **Inflates garment (Three (3) compartments all at one time or leg sections then abdominal section)**

**NOTE: DO NOT ALLOW INFLATION. After candidate begins inflation of P.A.S.G. Examiner shall stop candidate then state "The garment is inflated," or "The leg section is inflated," whichever is appropriate.**

2 = Begins inflation in proper order  
0 = Fails to begin inflation  
Inflates abdominal section prior to leg sections

- \*6. **Sets valves to prevent loss of air from garment**

2 = Performs step  
0 = Omits step