



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY COMPROMISE

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

| Actual Time Started: _____ | Possible Points | Points Awarded |
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| Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions | 1 | |
| Verbalizes general impression of patient from a distance before approaching or touching the patient | 1 | |
| Determines level of consciousness | 1 | |
| Assesses the airway [looks for secretions and signs of foreign body airway obstruction; listens for audible noises and voice sounds] | 1 | |
| Assesses breathing [checks rate, rhythm, chest excursion, audible noises] | 1 | |
| Attaches pulse oximeter and evaluates SpO ₂ reading | 1 | |
| NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate, "Pulse oximeter shows a saturation of 82%." | | |
| Selects proper delivery device and attaches to oxygen | 1 | |
| Administers oxygen at proper flow rate [blow-by oxygen, non-rebreather mask] | 1 | |
| Checks pulse | 1 | |
| Evaluates perfusion [skin color, temperature, condition; capillary refill] | 1 | |
| Obtains baseline vital signs | 1 | |
| NOTE: Examiner now advises candidate that patient begins to develop decreasing SpO₂, decreasing pulse rate, see-saw respirations, head bobbing, drowsiness, etc.) | | |
| Places patient supine and pads appropriately to maintain a sniffing position | 1 | |
| Manually opens airway | 1 | |
| Considers airway adjunct insertion based upon patient presentation [oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal airway] | 1 | |
| NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate no gag reflex is present and patient accepts airway adjunct. The patient's respiratory rate is now 20/minute. | | |
| Inserts airway adjunct properly and positions head and neck for ventilation | 1 | |
| Selects appropriate BVM and attaches reservoir to oxygen flowing at 12 – 15 L/minute | 1 | |
| Assures tight mask seal to face | 1 | |
| Assists ventilations at a rate of 20/minute and with sufficient volume to cause visible chest rise | 1 | |
| Ventilates at proper rate and volume while observing changes in capnometry/capnography, pulse oximeter, pulse rate, level of responsiveness | 1 | |
| NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are ventilating the patient properly?" | | |
| Calls for immediate transport of patient | 1 | |
| Actual Time Ended: _____ | TOTAL | 20 |

Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds after taking body substance isolation precautions or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- ___ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
- ___ Failure to ventilate the patient at a rate of 20/minute
- ___ Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- ___ Failure to recognize and treat respiratory failure in a timely manner
- ___ Insertion or use of any airway 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.