



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

SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SEATED PATIENT)

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Start: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs assistant to place/maintain head in the neutral, in-line position	1	
Directs assistant to maintain manual immobilization of the head	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity	1	
Applies appropriately sized extrication collar	1	
Positions the immobilization device behind the patient	1	
Secures the device to the patient's torso	1	
Evaluates torso fixation and adjusts as necessary	1	
Evaluates and pads behind the patient's head as necessary	1	
Secures the patient's head to the device	1	
Verbalizes moving the patient to a long backboard	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
Actual Time End: _____	TOTAL	12

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Did not immediately direct or take manual immobilization of the head
- _____ Did not properly apply appropriately sized cervical collar before ordering release of manual immobilization
- _____ Released or ordered release of manual immobilization before it was maintained mechanically
- _____ Manipulated or moved patient excessively causing potential spinal compromise
- _____ Head immobilized to the device before device sufficiently secured to torso
- _____ Device moves excessively up, down, left, or right on the patient's torso
- _____ Head immobilization allows for excessive movement
- _____ Torso fixation inhibits chest rise, resulting in respiratory compromise
- _____ Upon completion of immobilization, head is not in a neutral, in-line position
- _____ Did not reassess motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity after voicing immobilization to the long backboard
- _____ 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.