

SURGICAL CRICOTHYROTOMY CHECK-OFF SHEET

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| 1. | 0 | 2 | Maintain aseptic technique and avoid contamination. | |
| 2. | 0 | 2 | *Instruct partner to hyperventilate patient if at all possible for 2 – 3 minutes prior to procedure. | |
| 3. | 0 | 1 | 2 | *Prepare equipment.
1. Give 2 points if prepares scalpel, alcohol prep, BVM, O2, suction and cuts ETT to appropriate length.
2. Give 1 point if doesn't cut ETT. |
| 4. | 0 | 1 | 2 | *Locate cricothyroid membrane and cleanses site.
1. Give 2 points if cleanses with a circular motion outward.
2. Give 1 point if uses any other cleansing procedure. |
| 5. | 0 | 2 | *Make a horizontal incision across the cricothyroid membrane, approximately ½" in length. | |
| 6. | 0 | 2 | Insert ETT to just above level of Angle of Louis. | |
| 7. | 0 | 2 | *Begin ventilation of patient at appropriate rate. | |
| 9. | 0 | 2 | *Assess breath and abdominal sounds for patency. | |
| 10. | 0 | 2 | *Secure device in place. | |
| 11. | 0 | 2 | *Dispose of sharps. | |

Total Points: _____ (17 points necessary for Pass)

Pass/Fail: _____ Instructor: _____