



National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
Advanced Level Psychomotor Examination

PEDIATRIC (<2 yrs.) VENTILATORY MANAGEMENT

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

NOTE If candidate elects to ventilate initially with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen, full credit must be awarded for steps denoted by “***” so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points Awarded	
Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions	1	
Opens the airway manually	1	
Elevates tongue, inserts simple adjunct [oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal airway]	1	
NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate no gag reflex is present and patient accepts adjunct		
**Ventilates patient immediately with bag-valve-mask device unattached to oxygen	1	
**Ventilates patient with room air	1	
NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate that ventilation is being performed without difficulty and that pulse oximetry indicates the patient's blood oxygen saturation is 85%		
Attaches oxygen reservoir to bag-valve-mask device and connects to oxygen regulator [12 – 15 L/minute]	1	
Ventilates patient at a rate of 12 – 20/minute (1 ventilation every 3 – 5 seconds) and ensures visible chest rise	1	
NOTE: After 30 seconds, examiner auscultates and reports breath sounds are present, equal bilaterally and medical direction has ordered intubation. The examiner must now take over ventilation.		
Identifies/selects proper equipment for intubation	1	
Checks laryngoscope to ensure operational with bulb tight	1	
NOTE: Examiner to remove OPA and move out of the way when candidate is prepared to intubate		
Places patient in neutral or sniffing position	1	
Inserts blade while displacing tongue	1	
Elevates mandible with laryngoscope	1	
Introduces ET tube and advances to proper depth	1	
Directs ventilation of patient	1	
Confirms proper placement by auscultation bilaterally over each lung and over the epigastrium	1	
NOTE: Examiner to ask, “If you had proper placement, what should you expect to hear?”		
Secures ET tube [may be verbalized]	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	16

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds after applying gloves or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- _____ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions
- _____ Failure to pad under the torso to allow neutral head position or sniffing position
- _____ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentrations [at least 85%]
- _____ Failure to ventilate patient at a rate of 12 – 20/minute (1 ventilation every 3 – 5 seconds)
- _____ Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- _____ Failure to pre-oxygenate patient prior to intubation
- _____ Failure to successfully intubate within 3 attempts
- _____ Uses gums as a fulcrum
- _____ Failure to assure proper tube placement by auscultation bilaterally over each lung **and** over the epigastrium
- _____ Inserts any adjunct in a manner dangerous to the patient
- _____ Attempts to use any equipment not appropriate for the pediatric 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.