



**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
Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE 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 12 – 20/minute (1 ventilation every 3 – 5 seconds) 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 oxygenation within 30 seconds of identifying respiratory compromise
- ___ Interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions within 30 seconds after identifying respiratory failure
- ___ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
- ___ Failure to ventilate the 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 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.