



Name: _____

Date: _____

The Nurse Agency Critical Care Skills Checklist

Please list all Critical Care Units on which you have worked: _____

Please use the following key:

A=Done Frequently; well skilled

B=Occasionally done; moderately skilled

C=Rarely done; skill limited

D=Observed only; never done

	A	B	C	D
Administration/Mixing of IV meds				
Meds via IV push				
Administration of continuous fluids				
Blood/blood product administration/precautions				
Autotransfusion				
Calculation of rates				
Mcg/min				
Mcg/kg/min				
Mg/min				
Hang IV Piggyback				
Heparin Lock				
Hyperalimentation				
Peripheral/Central Line				
Knowledge of solution				
Insertion of Central line				
Use of Broviac/Hickman/Groshong Catheters				
Lab Assessment				
Implanted venous access ports				
Dressing changes				
Insertion of peripheral line:				
Dressing change				
d/c line				
Universal precautions				
Isolation procedures				
Airborne isolations				
Contact Isolation/Universal Precautions				
Specimen Collection:				
Arterial line blood draw				
Blood culture				
Capillary blood draw				
Central line blood draw				
PICC line blood draw				
Sputum				
Stool				
Urine Culture				
Urinalysis				
Venipuncture				

	A	B	C	D
Wound Culture				
MEDICATIONS				
Activase				
Amiodarone				
Atropine				
Bretylium				
Bumex				
Bicarbonate				
Cardizem				
Dextrose				
Digoxin				
Dilantin				
Dobutamine				
Dopamine				
Epinephrine				
Esmolol				
Heparin				
Inderal				
Inocor				
Insulin				
Isuprel				
KCl				
Levophed				
Lidocaine				
Mannitol				
Magnesium Sulfate				
Morphine				
Neosynephrine				
Nipride				
Nitroglycerine				
Phenobarbital				
Pavulon				
Prednisone				
Pitressin				
Procainamide				
Streptokinase				
Tpa				
Verapamil				
Vasopressin				
CARDIOVASCULAR:				
Arterial line/Swan-Ganz set up				
Remove art line				
Arterial blood gasses				
Pressure reading				
Maintain patency				
d/c Swan-Ganz				
Assess heart sounds				
Assist with pacemaker insertion				
Temporary/single/double/lumen				
Recognize pacemaker malfunction				
Pacemaker care				

	A	B	C	D
Paceport Swan-Ganz				
Arrhythmia recognition and intervention				
Assist with pericardiocentesis				
External pacemaker maintenance				
Blood pressure monitoring/auto cuff				
Assist in:				
Arterial line insertion				
Swan/Ganz insertion with or without fluoro				
Obtain 12 lead EKG				
Normal Anatomy of the Heart				
Left Side				
Right Side				
Normal Physiology of CV system				
Post Angiogram care				
Post open heart care				
Fresh				
24 Hour post-op				
3 days post-op				
Removal of arterial/venous sheaths				
Resuscitation				
Team Member				
Perform defibrillation				
Perform/set up emergent cardioversion				
Prepare and administer meds				
Set up and interpret 12 lead EKG				
SVO2 monitoring				
Interpretation				
Troubleshooting				
Swan/Ganz hemodynamic monitoring				
Knowledge of:				
RA/PAP/PCWP/CO/SVR/CI				
Obtaining and troubleshooting waveform				
Pre/post cardiac cath care				
Aortic balloon pump care/monitoring				
LVAD				
Use of Cardiac Monitor				
Proper lead placement				
Use of Doppler				
Care of patients with:				
Acute Aneurysm				
Acute MI				
Angina				
CHF				
Airway maintenance				
Deep vein thrombosis				
Pulmonary edema				
Shock: Cardiogenic				
Shock: Hypovolemic				
Shock: Septic				
Transplant/cardiac				

	A	B	C	D
Post TPA				
PULMONARY:				
Care of patients with:				
Acute respiratory distress				
AIDS				
Asthma				
COPD				
Hemothorax				
Pneumonia				
Pneumothorax				
Pulmonary embolism				
TB				
Transplant/Pulmonary				
ARDS				
ECMO				
Interpretation of labs				
Ambu bag techniques				
Administer oxygen				
Use of apnea monitor				
Assess lung sounds				
Assist in intubation/extubation				
Oropharyngeal airway				
Nasopharyngeal airway				
Chest physiotherapy				
Complications of				
Chest tube insertion (assist in)				
Incentive spirometer				
Nebulizer				
Normal physiology of pulmonary vascular system				
Obtain arterial blood gas				
Result interpretation				
Pavulonized patient				
Pulse oximetry				
Suctioning: Oral, NT, ETT				
Use of emergency equipment				
Thoracentesis				
Tracheostomy				
Trach tray set up				
Assist with emergency trach				
Changing of the trach or tube				
Skin care				
Dressing changes				
Ventilator Management				
Patient assessment				
Troubleshooting with vents				
Weaning from ventilator				
NEUROLOGICAL SYSTEM				
Assessing sensory-motor function extremities				
Assist with lumbar puncture				

	A	B	C	D
Cervical traction				
Cranial nerve assessment				
Crutchfield tongs				
Halo traction				
LOC assessment				
Monitoring of ICP				
Appropriate interventions for changes in Pressure				
Pre/post neuro surgical care				
Seizure precautions				
Use of Glasgow coma scale				
Visual acuity measurement				
Stryker Frame				
Care of patients with				
Aphasia				
Closed head injury				
Craniotomy				
VP shunt				
Neuro Shunt				
CVA				
Multiple Sclerosis				
Multiple trauma patient				
Overdose patient				
Seizure disorder				
Spinal cord injury				
GI/GU/ENDO				
Administer med via NG/gastrostomy tube				
AV shunt/fistula care				
Catheter insertion				
Female				
Male				
Care of burn patients				
Dialysis				
Hemo				
Peritoneal				
CAVED				
Insulin preparation and administration				
Blood glucose monitoring				
Equipment used				
Jejunostomy care				
NG tube insertion/lavage				
Normal physiology of renal and GI system				
Ostomy/stoma care				
Peritoneal lavage				
Poison control				
Wound care irrigations				
Care of the patient with				
Acute cholecystitis				
Acute renal failure				
Bowel obstruction				
Diabetes				

	A	B	C	D
GI bleed				
Hyper/hypoglycemia				
Multiple abdominal wounds				
Paralytic ileus				
Nephrectomy				
Pancreatitis				
Transplant/Kidney				
T.U.R.P.				
Whipple procedure				
ORTHO				
Total joint replacement				
Arthroscopic surgery				
Bucks extension				
K-wires/Steinman pins				
Removal of hardware				
Spika Cast/body cast				
Cast removal				
Amputation				
Skeletal traction				
Ortho trauma				
Laminectomy				
PSYCH				
Adolescent patients				
Isolation				
Rapid tranquilization				
Eating disorders				
Procedure for patient signing AMA				
Disaster protocols				
Assist with peritoneal lavage				
MISC. TRAYS/INSTRUMENTS				
Cut down tray				
CVP tray				
Culdocentesis tray				
Thoracentesis tray				

Please turn to the next page.

EQUIPMENT: Please check "YES" if you have used any of the ventilators or Cardiac Monitors listed below:

	YES		YES
VENTILATORS			
Bear I		PEEP	
Bear II		Pressure Pre-Set	
Bear V		Servo 900b	
Bennett 7200		Servo 900c	
CPAP		Servo 900b	
Emerson		Siemens	
Engstrom/Erica		CARDIAC MONITORS	
EMV		Hewlett-Packard	
MA-I		Spacelab	
MA-II		Marquette	
Monihan		Mennen	
Ohio 560		Lifecare	
Infant Star		Nihon-Kodhen	
Drager			
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Please list any areas of expertise below:
