

Management of Respiratory Emergencies

Skills Station Competency Checklist



Critical Performance Steps	✓ if done correctly
Verbalizes difference between high-flow and low-flow O₂ delivery systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High flow (>10 L/min): O₂ flow exceeds patient inspiratory flow, preventing entrainment of room air if system is tight-fitting; delivers nearly 1.00 FIO₂, eg, nonrebreathing mask with reservoir • Low flow (≤10 L/min): patient inspiratory flow exceeds O₂ flow, allowing entrainment of room air; typically delivers 0.23 to 0.50 FIO₂, eg, nasal cannula, simple O₂ mask 	
Verbalizes maximum nasal cannula flow rate (4 L/min)	
Opens airway by using head tilt–chin lift maneuver while keeping mouth open (jaw thrust for trauma victim)	
Verbalizes different indications for OPA and NPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPA only for unconscious victim without a gag reflex • NPA for conscious or semiconscious victim 	
Selects correctly sized airway by measuring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPA from corner of mouth to angle of mandible 	
Inserts OPA correctly	
Verbalizes assessment for adequate breathing after insertion of OPA	
Suctions with OPA in place; states suctioning not to exceed 10 seconds	
Selects correct mask size for ventilations	
Assembles bag-mask device, opens airway, and creates seal by using E-C clamp technique	
With bag-mask device gives 1 breath every 3 to 5 seconds for about 30 seconds. Gives each breath in approximately 1 second; each breath should cause chest rise	
Endotracheal Intubation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States equipment needed for endotracheal (ET) tube intubation procedure • Demonstrates technique to confirm proper ET tube placement by physical exam and by using an exhaled CO₂ device • Secures ET tube • Suctions with ET tube in place 	
The following steps are optional. They are demonstrated and evaluated only when the student's scope of practice involves endotracheal intubation.	
Endotracheal Intubation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepares equipment for ET intubation • Inserts ET tube correctly 	