

## Clinical Skill Assessment: Temperature, Pulse and Respiration Measurement

	Element <i>(Expected Performance)</i>	Performance Criteria <i>(Critical Aspects)</i>	Observed	Prompting <i>(If applicable)</i>
1	<b>Plan &amp; Organise</b>	1.1 Reviews care plan and patient notes 1.2 Gathers and organises equipment / resources 1.3 Safely removes / disposes used equipment 1.4 Assess patient and identifies rationale for performing observations		
2	<b>Communication</b>	2.1 Introduces self 2.2 Addresses patient by name 2.3 Provides clear and relevant information to patient and gains consent 2.4 Identifies communication deficits and utilises appropriate communication strategies 2.5 Ensure patient privacy is maintained throughout the procedure		
3	<b>Safe Practice</b>	3.1 Maintains instrument in a hygienic condition 3.2 Maintains standard precautions 3.3 Performs routine hand wash (10-15 sec) before and after procedure 3.4 Dons appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with infection control guidelines 3.5 Handles and disposes equipment according to hospital infection control policy		
4	<b>Problem Solving</b>	4.1 Takes appropriate action if patient consent not given 4.2 Detects deviations in observations and acts accordingly 4.3 Determine special care needs and acts appropriately pre, during and post procedure		
5	<b>Implementation</b>	5.2 Temperature taking with <b>electronic thermometer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sets up electronic thermometer correctly</li> <li>○ Applies protective covering over the probe</li> <li>○ Checks patient had not had a warm / hot drink in the last 10 minutes</li> <li>○ (Oral / Axillary) Correctly places oral electronic thermometer probe in the left or right sublingual pocket or axilla</li> <li>○ (Tympanic Electrical) Correctly inserts the tympanic thermometer probe into a straightened ear canal</li> <li>○ Maintains position of the probe until buzzer sounds or times as per manufacturer's instructions</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Carefully removes probe from the mouth / ear canal / axilla</li> <li>○ Accurately reads temperature reading on display panel and records</li> <li>○ Discards probe covering</li> <li>○ Returns thermometer to case ensuring it is in a clean condition</li> <li>○ Completes procedure appropriately</li> </ul> <p>5.1 Temperature taking with glass thermometer (per oral)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Checks patient has not had a warm or hot drink in the last 10 minutes</li> <li>○ Wipes glass thermometer with antiseptic</li> <li>○ Flicks the Thermometer to obtain mercury reading to below 35 °C on the thermometer</li> <li>○ Correctly inserts the thermometer under tongue for 3 minutes</li> <li>○ Accurately reads temperature to within +/- 0.1 degree Celsius accuracy</li> <li>○ Wipes thermometer with antiseptic and replaces thermometer accordingly</li> </ul> <p>5.2 Temperature taking with glass thermometer (per axilla)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Moves clothing away from shoulder and arm ensures privacy for patient during procedure</li> <li>○ Wipes glass thermometer with antiseptic</li> <li>○ Flicks the thermometer to obtain mercury reading to below 35°C on the thermometer</li> <li>○ Correctly places thermometer per axilla and leaves for 5-10 minutes</li> <li>○ Accurately reads temperature to within +/- 0.1 degree Celsius accuracy</li> <li>○ Wipes thermometer with antiseptic and replaces thermometer accordingly</li> </ul> <p>5.3 Pulse Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Counts radial pulse rate for one minute, noting pulse rate, rhythm and strength</li> <li>○ States pulse rate to within +/- 4 beats of accuracy and records rate, rhythm and strength as indicated</li> </ul> <p>5.4 Respiration Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Counts respiratory rate for one minute, noting rate, rhythm and depth</li> <li>○ States respiration rate to within +/- 2 breaths of accuracy and records rate, depth and rhythm / pattern as indicated</li> </ul>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Observe &amp; Monitor</b>	6.1 Monitor constantly 6.2 Observe trends to determine if changes exist in		

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		the patients condition		
<b>7</b>	<b>Reporting &amp; Recording</b>	7.1 Documents measurement and noticeable problems 7.2 Documents observation and actions taken, if any, in patient notes 7.3 Report any incidents or deviation in patient condition to the Medical Officer 7.4 If changes in condition reported to a medical officer, record in patients notes the name and pager number of the medical officer reported to, 7.5 Able to identify instances where a Clinical Emergency Response should be initiated.		

<b>Competent:</b>	<b>Not Competent:</b>
<b>Action required:</b>	

**Attempt:** 1  2  3  4  5  6

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assessor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_