



AIRWAY MAINTENANCE

Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Skill Evaluator: _____ Scenario #: _____

Time Start: _____ Station #: _____

Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Selects appropriate size oral airway by measuring from corner of mouth to angle of jaw	1	
Assesses patient for gag reflex	1	
NOTE: The skill evaluator now informs candidate that no gag reflex present		
Inserts oral airway tip pointing upward toward palate or at a 90° angle. If tongue depressor is used, airway is placed in correct position without rotation	1	
Rotates oral airway to correct position while inserting. If tongue depressor is used, award point	1	
Inserts airway without pushing the tongue posteriorly	1	
Flange of oral airway rests just above the teeth	1	
NOTE: The skill evaluator now advises the candidate that the patient is gagging and becoming conscious		
The candidate removes the oropharyngeal airway	1	
NOTE: The skill evaluator now informs the candidate that there is secretions in the patients oral cavity		
The candidate considers placing patient in the recovery position	1	
Selects suction catheter [rigid or soft catheter] and connects to tubing	1	
Turns on suction device and assures presence of mechanical suction	1	
Inserts catheter no deeper than the candidate can visualize	1	
Applies suction while removing the catheter	1	
Continues suction until the airway is clear	1	
NOTE: The skill evaluator now advises the candidate to insert a nasopharyngeal airway		
Selects appropriate size nasal airway by measuring from the tip of the nose to angle of jaw	1	
Verbalizes lubrication of the nasopharyngeal airway with a water-soluble gel	1	
Checks for obstructions or fractures to nose, if resistance is met will try other nostril	1	
Fully inserts the airway with the bevel facing toward the septum and the flange rests against the nostril opening	1	

TOTAL 18

Time End: _____

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Oropharyngeal airway not measured appropriately
- _____ Does not suction until the airway is clear
- _____ Nasopharyngeal airway not measured appropriately
- _____ Inappropriate treatment which compromised patient's condition (explain below)

COMMENTS: _____

