



TRACTION SPLINTING

Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Skill Evaluator: _____ Scenario #: _____

Time Start: _____ Station #: _____

Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Removes clothing to expose injury to include shoes and socks	1	
Demonstrates application of manual stabilization of the injured leg	1	
Demonstrates the application of manual traction	1	
Assesses motor, sensory and distal circulation	1	
NOTE: The evaluator acknowledges present and normal		
Prepares/adjusts splint to the proper length compared to uninjured leg	1	
Applies the splint to the injured leg	1	
Applies the proximal securing device (e.g., ischial or thigh strap)	1	
Applies the distal securing device (e.g., ankle hitch)	1	
Applies mechanical traction	1	
Positions/secures the support straps	1	
Re-evaluates the proximal/distal securing devices	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory and distal circulation	1	
NOTE: The evaluator acknowledges present and normal.		
NOTE: The evaluator must ask candidate how he/she would prepare the patient for transportation.		
Verbalizes securing the torso to the long board to immobilize the hip	1	
Verbalizes securing the splint to the long board to prevent movement of the splint	1	
TOTAL	15	

Time End: _____

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- Loss of traction at any point after it is assumed
- Did not assess motor, sensory and distal circulation before or after splinting
- The foot is excessively rotated or extended after splinting
- Did not secure the ischial or thigh strap before applying traction
- Final immobilization failed to support the femur or prevent rotation of the injured leg
- Secures leg to splint before applying mechanical traction

NOTE: If the Sager splint is used without elevating the patient's leg, application of manual traction is not necessary. The candidate should be awarded 1 point as if manual traction were applied.

NOTE: If the leg is elevated at all, manual traction must be applied before elevating the leg. The ankle hitch may be applied before elevating the leg and used to pull manual traction.

COMMENTS: