

Skills Check-Off

Surgical Cricothyrotomy

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Time Started: _____	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Takes, or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	1	
Assess airway, breathing and circulation	1	
NOTE: Examiner informs the candidate the patient is not breathing and oral or nasal intubation is not possible. Medical control has ordered a Surgical Cricothyrotomy		
Candidate verbalizes the contraindications for a Surgical Cricothyrotomy	1	
Candidate asks if any cervical trauma is noted	1	
NOTE: Examiner informs the candidate no cervical trauma is noted		
Places patient in a supine position and hyperextends the head	1	
Locates the cricothyroid membrane and cleanses the site	1	
Relocates the cricothyroid membrane		
Stabilizes the membrane between the thumb and forefinger	1	
Makes 1-2 cm vertical incision over the membrane	1	
Using curved hemostats, perform a blunt dissection to visualize the membrane	1	
Makes a 1 cm horizontal incision through the membrane	1	
Inserts the curved hemostats in to the membrane and spreads the opening	1	
Inserts either a appropriately sized cuffed endotracheal tube, or a appropriately sized shiley with a cuff	1	
Inflate the cuff with the appropriate amount of air	1	
Performs ventilation listening to lung sounds and for sounds over the epigastrium	1	
NOTE: examiner informs the candidate ventilation is being performed without difficulty, breath sounds are present and equal bilaterally, and no sounds are heard over the epigastrium		
Secures hub and tubing	1	
Continues to ventilate at a rate and volume appropriate for the patient	1	
Time End: _____	Total	19

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Does not immediately don or verbalize BSI
- _____ Performs procedure in a dangerous manner
- _____ Contaminates site of insertion