

Skills Check-Off

Carotid Massage

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Time Started: _____

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Takes, or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	1	
Verbalizes the indication and contraindications to the procedure	1	
Places patient in a supine position or sitting (If the patient is sitting, personnel must be on both sides of the patient)	1	
Obtain IV access	1	
Monitors EKG rhythm	1	
Palpates both carotids separately for a thrill	1	
Auscultate both carotids for bruit	1	
Turn patient's head to one side	1	
Massages the artery just below the angle of the jaw for no longer than 15-20 seconds	1	
Verbalizes the need to continue monitoring vital signs and EKG rhythm	1	
Time End: _____	Total	10

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Does not immediately don or verbalize BSI
- _____ Does not palpate both carotids
- _____ Does not auscultate both carotids
- _____ Palpated both carotids simultaneously
- _____ Does not obtain IV access prior to procedure being performed