

Skills Check-Off

Synchronized Cardioversion

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Time Started: _____

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Takes, or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	1	
Confirms dysrhythmia, and the need to cardiovert	1	
Turns on Monitor/Defibrillator	1	
Pre-medicates patient if possible	1	
Establishes IV access	1	
Insures the synchronizer switch is on	1	
Insures the synchronizer is marking the R wave	1	
Applies gel to the paddles	1	
Verbalizes the appropriate joule setting and cardioversion sequence for adults and pediatrics	1	
Applies paddles to the chest	1	
Charges paddles to appropriate joules for the patient	1	
Announces "I'm clear, you're clear, everyone is clear" while performing a visual head to toe sweep	1	
Discharges and holds the buttons while maintaining downward pressure on the chest until the shock is delivered	1	
Maintains paddle placement to assess rhythm	1	
Checks pulse	1	
Verbalizes the need to be prepared to react if the patient is converted into ventricular fibrillation	1	
Time End: _____	Total	16

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Does not immediately don or verbalize BSI
- _____ Operates monitor in a dangerous manner
- _____ Cardiovert incorrect rhythm
- _____ Delivers shock with synchronizer switch off
- _____ Cardiovert at inappropriate joule setting
- _____ Failure to properly place paddles
- _____ Failure to make sure all personnel are clear
- _____ Failure to gel paddles