

Skills Check-Off

Pleural Decompression

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Time Started: _____

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Takes, or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	1	
Verbalizes indications and contraindications	1	
Selects appropriate sized catheter	1	
Tears tape	1	
Prepares 4X4 and cleaning solution (Provoidone Iodine)	1	
Palpates either the 4 th intercostal space at the mid-axillary line, or 2 nd intercostal space midclavicular	1	
Cleanses site	1	
Inserts needle at the superior border of the 5 th (mid-axillary) or 3 rd (midclavicular) rib	1	
Removes needle while maintaining control of the catheter	1	
Attaches flutter valve, or constructs a water tight seal	1	
Tapes catheter in place	1	
Reassesses ventilation and vital signs	1	
Time End: _____	Total	12

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Does not immediately don or verbalize BSI
- _____ Contaminates site of insertion and does take corrective action
- _____ Decompresses wrong side of chest
- _____ Decompresses a simple pneumothorax
- _____ Failure to identify proper land marks