

Skills Check-Off

Nasogastric Tube Insertion

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Time Started: _____

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Takes, or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	1	
Explains the procedure to the patient	1	
Measures and marks NG tube to proper length	1	
Positions patient in upright position	1	
Inspects nostrils for widest nostril	1	
Lubricates distal 3-6" of tube	1	
Slightly flexes patient head	1	
Inserts tube into widest nostril and advances into the nasopharynx then oropharynx	1	
When gag reflex is initiated, ask patient to repeatedly swallow while advancing the tube	1	
Inserts tube until pre-measured mark is reached	1	
Holds tube in place	1	
Injects 20-35ml of air into tube while auscultating epigastrium to confirm placement	1	
Secures tube	1	
Time End: _____	Total	13

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Does not immediately don or verbalize BSI
- _____ Does not explain the procedure to the patient
- _____ Does not measure and mark the tube prior to insertion
- _____ Does not verify proper placement by auscultation
- _____ Attempts to insert tube in a dangerous manner