



National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Advanced Level Practical Examination

VENTILATORY MANAGEMENT (ET)

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

NOTE: If candidate elects to initially ventilate with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen, full credit must be awarded for steps denoted by "*" so long as first ventilation is delivered within initial 30 seconds.

Possible Points Awarded

Takes or verbalizes infection control precautions	1	
Opens the airway manually	1	
Elevates tongue, inserts simple adjunct [either oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal airway]	1	
NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate no gag reflex is present and patient accepts adjunct		
**Ventilates patient immediately with bag-valve-mask device unattached to oxygen	1	
**Hyperventilates patient with room air	1	
NOTE: Examiner now informs candidate that ventilation is being performed without difficulty		
Attaches oxygen reservoir to bag-valve-mask device and connects to high flow oxygen regulator [12-15 liters/min.]	1	
Ventilates patient at a rate of 10-20/min. and volumes of at least 800ml	1	
NOTE: After 30 seconds, examiner auscultates and reports breath sounds are present and equal bilaterally and medical control has ordered intubation. The examiner must now take over ventilation.		
Directs assistant to hyperventilate patient	1	
Identifies/selects proper equipment for intubation	1	
Checks equipment for: - Cuff leaks (1 point) - Laryngoscope operational and bulb tight (1 point)	2	
NOTE: Examiner to remove OPA and move out of way when candidate is prepared to intubate		
Positions head properly	1	
Inserts blade while displacing tongue	1	
Elevates mandible with laryngoscope	1	
Introduces ET tube and advances to proper depth	1	
Inflates cuff to proper pressure and disconnects syringe	1	
Directs ventilation of patient	1	
Confirms proper placement by auscultation bilaterally and over epigastrium	1	
NOTE: Examiner to ask "If you had proper placement, what would you expect to hear?"		
Secures ET tube [may be verbalized]	1	

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- Failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds after applying gloves or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- Failure to take or verbalize infection control precautions
- Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentrations [at least 85%]
- Failure to ventilate patient at rate of at least 10/minute
- Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- Failure to hyperventilate patient prior to intubation
- Failure to successfully intubate within 3 attempts
- Using teeth as a fulcrum
- Failure to assure proper tube placement by auscultation bilaterally and over the epigastrium
- If used, stylette extends beyond end of ET tube
- Inserts any adjunct in a manner dangerous to patient

TOTAL 19

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.