

**VENTILATORY MANAGEMENT
ESOPHAGEAL OBTURATOR AIRWAY INSERTION FOLLOWING
AN UNSUCCESSFUL ENDOTRACHEAL INTUBATION ATTEMPT**

Start Time: _____

Stop Time: _____ Date: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

| | Points Possible | Points Awarded |
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| Continues body substance isolation precautions | 1 | |
| Confirms the patient is being ventilated with high percentage oxygen | 1 | |
| Directs the assistant to hyper-oxygenate the patient | 1 | |
| Identifies/selects the proper equipment for insertion of EOA | 1 | |
| Assembles the EOA | 1 | |
| Tests the cuff for leaks | 1 | |
| Inflates the mask | 1 | |
| Lubricates the tube (may be verbalized) | 1 | |
| Note: The examiner should remove the OPA and move out of the way when the candidate is prepared to insert the device | | |
| Positions the head properly with the neck in the neutral or slightly flexed position | 1 | |
| Grasps and elevates the patient's tongue and mandible | 1 | |
| Inserts the tube in the same direction as the curvature of the pharynx | 1 | |
| Advances the tube until the mask is sealed against the patient's face | 1 | |
| Ventilates the patient while maintaining a tight mask-to-face seal | 1 | |
| Directs confirmation of placement of EOA by observing for chest rise and auscultation over the epigastrium and bilaterally over each lung | 1 | |
| Note: The examiner must acknowledge adequate chest rise, bilateral breath sounds and absent sounds over the epigastrium | | |
| Inflates the cuff to the proper pressure | 1 | |
| Disconnects the syringe from the inlet port | 1 | |
| Continues ventilation of the patient | 1 | |
| Total: | 17 | |

Critical Criteria

- _____ Did not take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- _____ Did not initiate ventilations within 30 seconds
- _____ Interrupted ventilations for more than 30 seconds at any time
- _____ Did not direct hyper-oxygenation of the patient prior to placement of the EOA
- _____ Did not successfully place the EOA within 3 attempts
- _____ Did not ventilate at a rate of at least 10 breaths per minute
- _____ Did not provide adequate volume per breath (maximum 2 errors/minute permissible)
- _____ Did not assure proper tube placement by auscultation bilaterally and over the epigastrium
- _____ Did not remove the syringe after inflating the cuff
- _____ Did not successfully ventilate the patient
- _____ Did not provide high flow oxygen (15 liters per minute or greater)
- _____ Inserted any adjunct in a manner that was dangerous to the patient