



**Advanced Level Practical Examination
Needle Chest Decompression**

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Scenario #: _____ Time Start: _____ Time End: _____

CRITERIA	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Takes, or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	1	
Assembles needed equipment (2" 14G needle/catheter, syringe, glove finger, betadine or alcohol prep, tape)	1	
Locates second intercostal space in the midclavicular line	1	
Prepares site with alcohol or betadine	1	
Attaches syringe to needle/catheter and withdraws plunger half way	1	
Holds needle perpendicular to skin and inserts needle to superior aspect of third rib	1	
Pushes needle in until pop is heard	1	
Advances catheter over needle	1	
Withdraws needle and syringe, leaving catheter in place	1	
Attaches glove finger on top of catheter as one way valve	1	
Tapes catheter into place	1	
Verbalizes assessment of patient response to procedure including general response and lung sounds	1	
Verbalizes documentation of procedure on PCR	1	
TOTAL	13	

Required to pass – 10 points

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- ___ Failure to properly locate second intercostal space
- ___ Failure to insert needle over SUPERIOR aspect of third rib
- ___ Failure to secure catheter in place
- ___ Failure to re-evaluate patient general response and lung sounds

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