



National Registry of E M T - Advanced Level Psychomotor Examination

PEDIATRIC INTRAOSSEOUS INFUSION

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____

Possible Points **Points Awarded**

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Checks selected IV fluid for: -Proper fluid (1 point) -Clarity (1 point) -Expiration date (1 point)	3	
Selects appropriate equipment to include: -IO needle (1 point) -Syringe (1 point) -Saline (1 point) -Extension set or 3-way stopcock (1 point)	4	
Selects proper administration set	1	
Connects administration set to bag	1	
Prepares administration set [fills drip chamber and flushes tubing]	1	
Prepares syringe and extension tubing or 3-way stopcock	1	
Cuts or tears tape [at any time before IO puncture]	1	
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions [prior to IO puncture]	1	
Identifies proper anatomical site for IO puncture	1	
Cleanses site appropriately	1	
Performs IO puncture: -Stabilizes tibia without placing hand under puncture site and “cupping” leg (1 point) -Inserts needle at proper angle (1 point) -Advances needle with twisting motion until “pop” is felt or notices sudden lack of resistance (1 point) -Removes stylette (1 point)		
Disposes/verbalizes proper disposal of needle in proper container	1	
Attaches syringe and extension set to IO needle and aspirates; or attaches 3-way stopcock between administration set and IO needle and aspirates; or attaches extension set to IO needle [aspiration is not required for any of these as many IO sticks are “dry” sticks]	1	
Slowly injects saline to assure proper placement of needle	1	
Adjusts flow rate/bolus as appropriate	1	
Secures needle and supports with bulky dressing [tapes securely or verbalizes]	1	

Actual Time Ended: _____

TOTAL 24

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Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to establish a patent and properly adjusted IO line within 6 minute time limit
 - ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions prior to performing IO puncture
 - ___ Contaminates equipment or site without appropriately correcting the situation
 - ___ Performs any improper technique resulting in the potential for air embolism
 - ___ Failure to assure correct needle placement [must aspirate or watch closely for early signs of infiltration]
 - ___ Failure to successfully establish IO infusion within 2 attempts during 6 minute time limit
 - ___ Performs IO puncture in an unacceptable manner [improper site, incorrect needle angle, holds leg in palm and performs IO puncture directly above hand, etc.]
 - ___ Failure to properly dispose/verbalize disposal of blood-contaminated sharps immediately in proper container at the point of use
 - ___ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
 - ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel ___
- Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

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