

**SUCTIONING TECHNIQUE - FRENCH (SOFT) CATHETER**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

	Points Possible	Points Earned
<b>EXAMINATION STEPS AND PROCEDURES</b>		
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
<b>Select Proper Size:</b>		
Insure that catheter and suction tubing are properly connected to the suction machine.	1	
Turn on machine and test for suctioning power	1	
<b>Select Catheter:</b>		
Measure from the tip of the nose to the corner of the ear	1	
<b>Suction Procedure:</b>		
Insert catheter no further than measured into the patient's mouth or nose	1	
Withdraw catheter in a swirling motion	1	
Suction no longer than 5-15 seconds (cover opening to create suction)	1	
Reassess the patient's airway after suctioning	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	

*Minimum Points: 6*

**CRITICAL CRITERIA**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not properly measure the suction catheter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Suctioned patient longer than 5-15 seconds (appropriate for patient)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not place finger over opening to create suction
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not reassess the patient's airway after suctioning

\_\_\_\_\_ PASS \_\_\_\_\_ FAIL

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_