

IMMOBILIZATION – VACUUM SPLINTS (EXTREMITY)

Student Name _____ Date _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
EXAMINATION STEPS AND PROCEDURES		
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Assess Neurovascular Status:		
Check distal pulse, motor function, sensation, and capillary refill (PMSC)	1	
Immobilize Injury:		
Apply appropriate size vacuum splint to extremity	1	
Immobilize joint above and below injury	1	
Leave a 2” opening when applying the splint to visualize extremity	1	
Vacuum out the air to secure the vacuum splint	1	
Apply tape to secure splint from outside edges	1	
Utilize sling for humerus and elbow injuries as indicated	1	
Compound fractures - dress injury prior to immobilizing	1	
Reassess Neurovascular Status:		
Re-check distal pulse, motor function, sensation, and capillary refill (PMSC)	1	
Minimize Swelling:		
Apply ice to injury	1	
<i>NOTE: for fractures of hand, place hand entirely within splint, utilizing position of function</i>	1	
TOTAL	12	

Minimum Points: 9

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Did not take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- _____ Did not immobilize adjacent joints
- _____ Excessive movement to injured extremity
- _____ Did not assess and reassess distal PMSC when immobilizing extremity

_____ PASS _____ FAIL

Instructor _____