

IMMOBILIZATION – OPEN FRACTURE OF AN EXTREMITY

Student Name _____ Date _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
EXAMINATION STEPS AND PROCEDURES		
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Stabilize Fracture:		
Direct assistant to stabilize fracture site	1	
Remove Clothing:		
Expose injured site	1	
Assess Neurovascular Status:		
Check distal pulse, motor function, sensation, and capillary refill (PMSC)	1	
Dress Wound:		
Apply sterile dressing	1	
Secure dressing	1	
Do not apply pressure	1	
Immobilize Injury:		
Use rigid splint	1	
Pad splint	1	
Immobilize joint above and below injury	1	
Cut splint if necessary	1	
Apply securing material from outside edges of splint toward middle	1	
Do not secure splint over wound	1	
Utilize sling for humerus and elbow injuries as indicated	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	17	

Minimum Points: 13

CRITICAL CRITERIA

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

_____ PASS _____ FAIL

Instructor _____