

SUCTIONING TECHNIQUE - RIGID CATHETER

Student Name _____ Date _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
EXAMINATION STEPS AND PROCEDURES		
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Select Proper Size:		
Insure that catheter and suction tubing are properly connected to the suction machine.	1	
Turn on machine and test for suctioning power	1	
Select Catheter:		
Measure from the earlobe to the corner of the mouth	1	
Suction Procedure:		
Insert catheter no further than measured into the patient's mouth	1	
Suction no longer than 5-15 seconds (cover opening to create suction)	1	
Reassess the patient's airway after suctioning	1	
TOTAL	7	

Minimum Points: 5

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 _____