

**SLING AND SWATHE APPLICATION**

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

	Points Possible	Points Earned
<b>EXAMINATION STEPS AND PROCEDURES</b>		
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
<b>Assess Neurovascular Status:</b>		
Check distal pulse, motor function, sensation, and capillary refill (PMSC)	1	
<b>Immobilize Injury:</b>		
Instruct patient or assistant to support arm of injured extremity	1	
Apply the sling to the injured extremity	1	
Tie ends together behind or at the side of the neck	1	
Fold apex of sling around the elbow and secure	1	
Place swathe over the injured extremity and secure by wrapping around the body.	1	
Injured arm must be immobilized against the chest wall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• avoid pressure over injury site</li> <li>• apply swathe as low as possible</li> </ul>	1	
<b>Reassess Neurovascular Status:</b>		
Re-check distal pulse, motor function, sensation, and capillary refill (PMSC)	1	
<b>Minimize Swelling:</b>		
Apply ice to injury	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	

*Minimum Points: 8*

**CRITICAL CRITERIA**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not apply sling and swathe in a reasonable time
- \_\_\_\_\_ Excessive movement to injured extremity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not assess and reassess distal PMSC when performing sling application

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

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_