

SUCKING CHEST WOUND

Student Name _____ Date _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
EXAMINATION STEPS AND PROCEDURES		
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Assess Airway and Breathing:		
Check airway and breathing and state findings	1	
Listen to lung sounds	1	
Bleeding Control:		
Cover open wound with either method: <u>Method 1</u> Apply a porous dressing (vaseline gauze) and cover with a gauze dressing, taped on 3 sides (semi-occlusive dressing) <u>Method 2</u> Apply an airtight sterile dressing	1	
Reassess Respirations:		
Auscultate lung sounds with stethoscope	1	
Assess for signs of tension pneumothorax and state findings	1	
Remove dressing if signs of tension pneumothorax are developing	1	
Administer high flow oxygen by non-rebreather mask or by positive pressure ventilations	1	
Transport:		
Place patient in position of comfort a) Upright – due to respiratory distress b) Shock position – if vital signs deteriorate c) On affected side	1	
Monitor for respiratory and airway problems	1	
Observe for shock and treat if occurs	1	
TOTAL	11	

Minimum Points: 8

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- _____ Did not take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- _____ Did not initially assess airway and breathing
- _____ Did not properly cover wound
- _____ Did not administer high flow oxygen
- _____ Did not reassess lung sounds after dressing wound

_____ PASS _____ FAIL

Instructor _____