



MEDICAL / SURGICAL SKILLS CHECKLIST
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NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please check the appropriate letter of proficiency for the following types of clinical situations and equipment.

LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY

- A** = Able to teach & supervise
- B** = 1 year constant experience
- C** = Intermittent experience
- D** = No experience

	A	B	C	D
MEDICATIONS				
Unit Dose				
Pouring from stock medication				
Narcotic administration				
IV THERAPY				
Inserting IVs				
Mixing IV solutions				
Heparin locks				
TPN/Hyperalimentation				
IV push				
IV drip				
Infusion pumps				
Syringe pumps				
CVP lines/measurement of CVP				
Central line dressing change				
Blood/Blood products administration				
ordering/obtaining from blood bank				
identification/intercession for adverse reaction				
Multi-lumen central venous catheters				
Implanted CVC (port-a-cath)				
Assessment of IV insertion site				
Assist with insertion of central line				
X-ray/assessment after insertion				



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	A	B	C	D
SPECIAL				
Oncology patients				
HIV/AIDS patients				
Hemodialysis				
Peritoneal dialysis				
Venipuncture				
Care of terminal patient				
Postmortem care				
Home health				
CARDIOVASCULAR				
C/V assessment				
Heart sounds				
Pulse checks				
Use of doppler				
Use of automatic B/P cuffs				
Cardiac monitors				
Perform EKG				
Recognizing basic & life threatening dysrhythmias				
Cardiac arrest				
CPR				
Defibrillation				
Cardioversion				
Pacemakers, permanent				
Pacemakers, temporary				
Administration of:				
oral nitrates				
Topical nitrates				
IV nitrates				
oral antiarrhythmics				
IV antiarrhythmics				
oral antihypertensives				
IV antihypertensives				
preparation and administration of emergency drugs				



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	A	B	C	D
Care of patient with:				
acute M.I.				
CHF				
cardiogenic/hypovolemic shock				
pre-post cardiac surgery				
pre-post angioplasty				
pre-post angiogram				
pre-post vascular surgery				
RESPIRATORY				
Respiratory assessment				
Lung sounds				
Chest percussion				
Establish/Protect airway				
Chest tubes/pleu-e-vac				
Incentive spirometry				
Suctioning:				
oral				
nasotracheal				
endotracheal tube				
tracheostomy tube				
O ₂ equipment set up and maintenance				
nasal canuia				
non-rebreather mask				
venti-mask				
ET Inturbation/extubation				
ambu bag				
Pulse oximetry				
Drawing ABG				
Interpretation of AGB				
Administration of IV bronchodilators				
Care of patient with:				
COPD				
tracheostomy				
mechanical ventilator				
lung cancer				



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NEUROLOGY				
Neurological assessment				
Seizure precautions				
Assisting with lumbar puncture				
Signs/Symptoms of increasing ICP				
Crutchfield tongs				
Circo-electric bed				
Halo traction				
Stryker frame				
Administration of anticonvulsant meds:				
decadron				
dilantin				
magnesium sulfate				
phenobarbital				
valium				
Care of patient with:				
seizures				
overdose				
DTs				
spinal cord injury				
CVA				
Neuromuscular disease				
craniotomy				
GASTROINTESTINAL				
G.I. assessment				
Bowel sounds				
Inserting N-G tubes				
Colostomy care				
Measurement of I & O				
Administration of tube feedings				
Care of patients with:				
G.I. bleed				
N-G tube				
N-I tube				
Gastrostomy tube				
inflammatory bowel disease				
dehiscence/evisceration				



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RENAL/GENITOURINARY				
Insertion and care of:				
straight cath				
Indwelling urinary cath:				
male				
female				
3-way				
Care of patient with:				
bladder irrigation				
suprapubic tube				
nephrostomy tube				
renal transplant				
Nephrectomy				
ileal conduit				
renal stone				
BPH				
pre-post turp				
GYNECOLOGY				
Endometriosis				
Gyn exam/pap				
Breast exam				
Mastectomy				
Hysterectomy				
ORTHOPEDIC				
Total knee replacement				
Bucks extension				
Cast care				
Crutch walking				
K-wires				
Spika casts				
Balanced suspension				
Circulation checks				
Care of patient with:				
amputation				
rheumatic/arthritis disease				
multiple trauma				
paraplegia				
quadriplegia				
external fixation				
post arthroplasty				



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WOUND/SKIN				
Dressing changes				
Care of patients with:				
pressure sores				
bums				
skin graft				
Hydrotherapy				
ENDOCRINE				
Insulin administration				
patient teaching				
mixed insulin				
Insulin infusions				
Blood glucose monitoring				
finger stick				
glucometer				
visual glucose strips				
GENERAL SURGICAL				
Hemovacs				
Jackson-Pratt tubes				
Penrose drains				
T-tubes				
Surgical wound irrigation and dressings				
Carotid endarterectomy				
Bronchoscopy				
Colonscopy				
Assist with liver biopsy				
Assist with bone biopsy				
CHARGE NURSE EXPERIENCE				

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