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(CPI) = Critical Performance Indicator

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Applying a Sling and Swathe

Objective: To demonstrate how to apply a sling and swathe.

Skill	Max Points	Skill Demo	CPI
Criteria met: Determines the Scene is Safe, Initiates Standard Precautions, Introduces Self & Obtains Permission to treat/help	-		
Rescuer 1: Stabilize the patient's elbow while it is bent to about a 90-degree angle.	1		CPI
Rescuer 2: Assess CMS.	1		CPI
Rescuer 2: Make the sling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place a triangle bandage on the patient's chest, under the injured arm.</li> <li>Position the long edge of the bandage so that it lies on the uninjured midclavicular line and just medial to the fingertips of the injured arm. The upper corner should pass over the opposite shoulder with the apex of the triangle at the elbow of the injured arm.</li> <li>Fold the lower corner of the bandage anteriorly around the forearm and then up and over the shoulder on the injured side.</li> <li>Raise or lower the arm to an appropriate level.</li> <li>Tie the two long ends of the sling together at the side of the neck. If the knot is placed over the midline of the neck, pad it for the patient's comfort.</li> <li>Bring the apex forward and pin it to the front of the sling or tie a knot in the apex.</li> <li>Make sure the tips of the fingers are visible to allow for CMS checks.</li> <li>Properly applied, the forearm should be cradled in the sling, with its weight evenly distributed.</li> </ul>	1		

Rescuer 2: Make and apply the swathe. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fold a second triangular bandage to form a cravat that is 4 inches wide (or 6 inches, for humerus fractures).</li> <li>Wrap the cravat around the patient's chest, with the middle of the swathe over the injured arm that is resting on the side of the chest. Place the two ends of the swathe under the opposite arm.</li> <li>Tie the two ends snugly with a square knot.</li> </ul>	1		
Reassess CMS.	1		CPI

Must receive 4 out of 5 points.

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_

Failure of any of the CPIs is an automatic failure.

Evaluator:\_\_\_\_\_NSPID:\_\_\_\_\_

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