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(CPI) = Critical Performance Indicator

Candidate: _____

Start time: _____

End time: _____

Suctioning a Patient's Airway

Objective: To properly suction a patient's airway.

Skill	Max Points	Skill Demo	
Criteria met: Determines the Scene is Safe, Initiates Standard Precautions, Introduces Self & Obtains Permission to treat/help	-		
Make sure the suctioning unit is properly assembled and turned on. Clamp the tubing to make sure the unit generates a vacuum of more than 300 mmHg.	1		
Measure the catheter from the corner of the mouth to the earlobe or angle of the jaw.	1		CPI
Turn the patient's head to the side (unless you suspect cervical spine injury), open the mouth using the cross-finger technique, and insert the catheter to the predetermined depth without suctioning.	1		
Apply suction in a circular motion as you withdraw the catheter. Do not suction an adult for more than 15 seconds, a child for more than 10 seconds, and an infant for more than 5 seconds.	1		CPI

Must receive 3 out of 4 points.

Comments: _____

Failure of any of the CPIs is an automatic failure.

Evaluator: _____ NSPID: _____

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