

CERT Skills

New for 2019-2020

Competitors are no longer required to show event guidelines at ILC. The triage skill has been retired. Changes have been made to what competitors need to bring to competition. Editorial updates and clarifications have been made to guidelines. Time remaining announcements have been added to the test. Scholarship information has been added to the guidelines. The test plan has been updated.

Purpose

To provide HOSA members with an opportunity to develop and demonstrate knowledge and skills they will need to respond to their community's immediate needs in the aftermath of a disaster, when emergency services are not immediately available.

Description

This event will consist of two rounds of competition for a 2-person team. Round One is a written, multiple choice test. Written test will measure knowledge and understanding at the recall, application or analysis levels. Higher-order thinking skills will be incorporated as appropriate. The test score from Round One will be used to qualify the team for Round Two, and will be used as part of the final score. The top scoring teams will advance to Round Two for the performance of a selected skill(s) identified in a written scenario. The scenario will require the use of critical thinking skills. The performance will be timed and evaluated according to the event guidelines.

Dress Code

Competitors shall wear proper business attire or official HOSA uniform, or attire appropriate to the occupational area, during the orientation, written test and skill(s)– jeans and shorts are not acceptable. Bonus points will be awarded for <u>proper dress</u>.

Rules

- Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA and in good standing in the division in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate). Competitors should compete in skill events at the highest level of training. An example would be students enrolled in an Emergency Medical Technician course should compete in the Emergency Medical Technician event and NOT in the CERT or CPR/First Aid event.
- Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the <u>"General Rules and Regulations of</u> the HOSA Competitive Events Program (GRR)."
- 3. The written test will consist of fifty (50) multiple choice items. The scores of the two team members will be averaged for one composite score and will be used as a part of the final score for the event.

Round One: Written Test Plan

14%
8%
20%
24%
12%
6%
10%
6%

- 4. All competitors shall report to the site of the required event orientation at the time designated. The Round One test will immediately follow the orientation. At ILC, photo ID must be presented prior to competing in each round. No proxies will be allowed for the orientation.
- 5. <u>Test Instructions:</u> The competitors will be given instructions and will be notified to start the test. There will be a maximum of 60 minutes to complete the test. Competitors should leave the testing site promptly after submitting all testing materials and evaluations.

NOTE: States/regions may use a different process for testing, to include but not limited to pre-conference testing, online testing, and testing at a computer. Check with your Area/Region/State for the process you will be using.

- 6. **TIME REMAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There will be a verbal announcement when there are 30 minutes, 15 minutes, 5 minutes, and 1 minute remaining to complete the test.
- 7. All official references are used in the development of the written test. The specific references selected for each skill are from the CERT Curriculum.
 - CERT Training Materials (as posted as of September 1, 2019): <u>Community</u>
 Emergency Response Team Training Participant Manual
 - CERT Online Training Course (as posted as of September 1, 2019):: https://www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team
- 8. Course content can be downloaded and printed for the CERT course. CERT competitors at the HOSA International Leadership Conference should have completed a classroom-based FEMA CERT basic training course. For information about CERT training in your state or starting a CERT chapter, go to ready.gov/citizencorp. Those who do not have access to a classroom-based training course can go to the online course information: https://www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team
- 9. The test score from Round One will be used to qualify the team for the Round Two. The skills approved for this event are:

Skill I A&B: Treating Life-Threatening Conditions
Skill II: Head-to-Toe Assessment
(5 minutes)
Skill III: Lifts and Carries
(8 minutes)
Skill IV: Splinting a Closed Fracture
(5 minutes)

- 10. HOSA Management and event personnel have the option of providing one additional minute to the skill event interval prior to the scenario for competitors to preview the equipment that is provided for the event. If given, the one minute allowed for equipment preview will be added to the overall skill interval and competitors will be told they have an extra minute to review the equipment.
- 11. The selected skill(s) for Round Two, in the form of a written scenario, will be presented to the competitors at the start of the skill to be performed. The scenario will be the same for each team and will include a challenging component that will require the competitors to apply critical thinking skills. A sample scenario can be found https://example.com/here.

- 12. The scenario is a secret topic. Professional ethics demand that competitors DO NOT discuss or reveal the secret topic until after the event has concluded. Violation of the ethics rules will be severely penalized per the GRRs.
- 13. Competitors must complete all steps of the skill listed in the guidelines even if the steps must be simulated/verbalized. (If the equipment is available, the competitors would complete all steps of the skill as the scenario warrants. If the equipment is NOT available, the competitors would simulate/verbalize the steps.)
- 14. Timing will begin when the scenario is presented to the team. Competitors will be stopped at the end of the time allowed. Note: Team members may verbalize/simulate the helmet and boots, and may don safety equipment prior to receiving the scenario.
- 15. Teams must earn a score of 70% or higher on the combined skill(s) of the event (excluding the test) in order to be recognized as an award winner at the ILC.
- 16. In case of a tie, the highest averaged test score will be used to determine the rank.
- 17. HOSA offers numerous scholarships every year to its members interested in pursuing a variety of health careers. As you consider participating in this competitive event, please keep in mind there may be a HOSA Scholarship offered that fits your interests! For more information on the HOSA Scholarship program, please visit http://www.hosa.org/scholarships.

Competitors Must Provide: Two #2 lead pencils with eraser Watch with second hand (optional-Round Two only) Photo ID
Disaster Kit with the following items:
□ Barrier supplies for each competitor:

FOR SPECIFICS ON EVENT MANAGEMENT SEE MANAGING COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Required Personne	1:
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☐ One Event Manag	er
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☐ One Judge Manager (JM) to provide quality assurance for the event by ensuring that the guidelines are followed and all event documents are complete.

	One Section Leader per section Two judges per section (one judge for Skill IV & V), CERT credentials preferred Proctors for Testing – Approximately one proctor for 20 competitors Event assistants per section as needed Victim as required by the scenario (per section) Moulage Specialist (if necessary) Timekeepers (if necessary) Holding room attendants(s) as needed
	Equipment and Materials (Per Section): Rooms or off-site locations for selected skills (see <u>HOSA Room Set</u>) Props consistent with the emergency setting, which may include items that can be used by the competitors in responding to the emergency.
	e: Written Test (Reference: All resources) List of competitors for check-in One pre-numbered test per competitor Scantron/answer forms- one copy per competitor Evaluation forms- competitor and event personnel #2 lead pencils with eraser to complete evaluations (event personnel)
	Stations for selected skills Holding rooms/areas for competitors (if off-site) List of competitors for check-in Written Scenario-copies for judges, section leaders Victim and judge scripts as needed #2 lead pencils (judges & evaluations) Stopwatch(s) Rating sheets-one per judge per team Evaluation forms-competitor, judge, event personnel Copy of guidelines for judges Hand sanitizer (alcohol based handrub) Flashlight – two per section Blanket – two per section
	Treating Life Threatening Conditions Two victims – manikin or victim Moulage for bleeding victim 4 x 4 dressings (8) per section Pressure dressings (2) per section
Skill II	Head-to-Toe Assessment Two victims Medical jewelry if called for in scenario
	Lifts and Carries One victim who is small of stature – Skill IV-A Four victims – victim or manikin – Skill IV-B Chairs, tables, and assorted furniture "Safe Area" sign Blanket – one per section No scenario required (Skill IV-A) – this skill is designed to have teams demonstrate their ability to

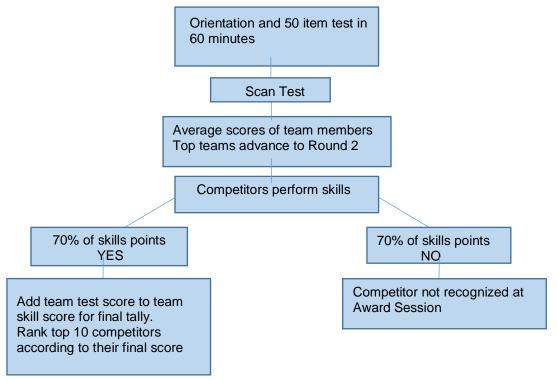
perform all five lifts on the rating sheet as directed by the judges.

Skill IV Splinting a Closed Fracture One victim

☐ Assorted materials that could be used as splints, ties or padding- magazines, textbooks, boards, cardboard

☐ "Safe Area" sign

Event Flow Chart



Sample Round One Test Questions

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- A. American Health Care Benefit Act.
- B. First Aid Responsibility law.
- C. Good Samaritan law.
- D. US Disaster Recovery Act.
- 2. How many times should CERT members attempt to restore breathing of a victim before moving to the next victim?
 - A. Once
 - B. Twice
 - C. Three times
 - D. Multiple times
- 3. The patient with a nosebleed should be positioned _____.
 - A. on the abdomen
 - B. on the back with head slightly elevated.
 - C sitting with the head slightly backward.
 - D sitting with the head slightly forward.

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Skill	IA: Treating Life-Threatening Conditions: Opening the Airway (Rescuer 1)** (5 minutes)	Poss	ible	Awarded
1.	Donned safety equipment (helmet, goggles, gloves, mask and boots).	1	0	
2.	Surveyed the scene by doing a thorough size-up.	2	0	
3.	Identified an unconscious victim (manikin).	1	0	
4.	At arm's distance, shake the victim by touching the shoulder and shouting "Can you hear me?"	2	0	
	~ Judge states, "No response."			
5.	Placed the palm of one hand on the forehead.	1	0	
6.	Placed two fingers of the other hand under the chin and tilted the jaw upward while lifting the head back slightly.	2	0	
7.	Placed ear over victim's mouth, looking toward the feet, and placed a hand on the victim's abdomen.	2	0	
8.	Looked for chest rise.	1	0	
9.	Listened for air exchange.	1	0	
10.	Felt for abdominal movement.	1	0	
	~ Judge states, "Attempt to open airway unsuccessful."			
11.	Repeats steps 4 – 9.	2	0	
	~ Judges states, "Breathing has been restored" OR "Attempt to open airway unsuccessful."			
12.	Correctly responded to breathing victim.			
	 Maintained the airway by asking a volunteer to hold the head in place OR placing a soft object under the victim's shoulders to elevate the shoulder's slightly. 	2	0	
	b. Treated for shock by elevating the feet 6-10" above the heart.	1	0	
	c. Covered the victim with a blanket or available covering.	1 1	0	
OR			-	
	Correctly responded to non-breathing victim by going to help partner and/ or another victim.	4	0	
13.	Appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication with patient and other personnel.	2	0	
	L POINTS SKILL IA (Rescuer 1) Mastery for Skill IA (Rescuer 1) = 15.4	2	2	

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	IB: Treating Life-Threatening Conditions: Controlling Bleeding cuer 2)** (5 minutes)	Possible	Awarde
1.	Donned safety equipment (helmet, goggles, gloves, mask and boots).	1 0	
2.	Surveyed the scene by doing a thorough size-up.	2 0	
3.	Identified a victim with uncontrolled bleeding.	1 0	
4.	Identified self and reassured victim.	2 0	
5.	Placed direct pressure over the wound by putting a clean dressing over the wound and pressing firmly.	2 0	
6.	Maintained pressure on the dressing over the wound by wrapping with a pressure bandage.	2 0	
7.	Pressure bandage is wrapped firmly and tied with a bow.	2 0	
	~ Judge states, "Victim's limb is turning blue."	2 0	
8.	Reties pressure bandage to loosen.		
	~ Judge states, "Wound is still bleeding."		
9.	Elevates limb and applies pressure on pressure point while maintaining direct pressure on wound.	3 0	
10.	Maintains pressure for 30 seconds to 1 minute while calmly reassuring victim until:	2 0	
	~ Judge states, "Bleeding is controlled. Victim has begun rapid and shallow breathing."		
11.	Checks capillary refill.	2 0	
	~ Judges states, "Capillary refill is greater than 2 seconds."		
12.	Correctly treated for shock.		
	a. Placed covering under the victim and placed victim on his/her back.	1 0	
	b. Elevated the feet 6-10" above the heart.	1 0	
	c. Covered the victim with a blanket or available covering.	1 0	
13.	Appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication with patient and other personnel.	2 0	
ГОТА	L POINTS SKILL IB (Rescuer 2)	26	
	Mastery for Skill IB (Rescuer 2) = 18.2		

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Rescuer □ 1	□ 2		

~ There will be two victims to assess, one per rescuer. Use a duplicate rating sheet for each rescuer.

Skill	II: Head-to-Toe Assessment** (5 minutes)	Poss	sible	Awarded
1.	Donned safety equipment (helmet, goggles, gloves, mask and boots).	1	0	
2.	Identified a victim to assess.	1	0	
3.	Assessed location and verbalized level of safety. If not in safe or lightly damaged building, moved victim to safe zone.	1	0	
4.	Asked "How were you hurt?" if victim responsive and able to communicate.	1	0	
5.	If conscious, asked permission to conduct assessment.	1	0	
6.	If responsive, asked victim about injuries, pain, bleeding or other symptoms, and checked for medical ID emblems on bracelet or necklace.	1	0	
7.	Checked body parts from the top to the bottom for continuity of bones and soft tissue injuries (DCAP-BTLS) and pulse, movement, sensation in all extremities, in the following order: a. Evaluated head and verbalized observations.	1	0	
	b. Evaluated neck and verbalized observations.	1	0	
	c. Evaluated shoulders and verbalized observations.	1	0	
	d. Evaluated chest and verbalized observations.	1	0	
	e. Evaluated arms and verbalized observations.	1	0	
	f. Evaluated abdomen and verbalized observations.	1	0	
	g. Evaluated pelvis and verbalized observations.	1	0	
	h. Evaluated legs and verbalized observations.	1	0	
8.	Talked to victim throughout assessment to reduce anxiety.	1	0	
9.	Kept the spine in a straight line during assessment.	1	0	
10.	Verbalized the type of treatment that is needed.	3	0	
11.	Correctly documented injuries on tag.	3	0	
12.	Appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication with patient and other personnel.	2	0	
TOTA	AL POINTS – SKILL II	2	24	
70% l	Mastery for Skill II = 16.8			

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The purpose of Skill **IV-A** is to demonstrate the ability to perform lifts and carries. The skill performance is done in a classroom or meeting room setting, and the judge directs the competitors to perform the lifts. In lifts #1 and #4, team members demonstrate the lift on each other. In #2 and #3, the lift is demonstrated on a volunteer who is small in stature.

Note to judges: You will use the sequence below for each lift to instruct the competitors on the lifts to be demonstrated. **Competitor safety** must be the primary consideration during the demonstration of each lift. If the performance of any lift or carry could be considered unsafe, please have the competitors demonstrate and verbalize the lift without actually lifting the victim.

	III-A:	Lifts and Carries – Demonstration (8 minutes)	Possible	Awarded
and ii	nstruct	octs one team member where to sit to assume the role of victim, s the other team member to move the victim to safety using the pack-strap carry.		
		t, competitors should <u>verbalize</u> and <u>simulate</u> the lift WITHOUT ag the other person.		
1.	•	Person Pack-Strap Carry	4 0	
	a.	Verbalized to victim "I'm going to carry you to safety."	1 0	
	b.	Stood with his/her back to the victim.	1 0	
	C.	Placed the victim's arms over the rescuer's shoulders and grabbed the hands in front of the rescuer's chest.	1 0	
	d.	Hoisted the victim by bending forward slightly, until his/her feet just cleared the floor.	1 0	
	e.	Carried victim to safe area and gently lowered victim to chair/ground, keeping the back straight and using the legs.	1 0	
Judge	e instru	acts volunteer victim where to sit and instructs the rescuers where		
to mo	ove the '.	victim to safety (a very short distance) using the two-person		
to mo	ove the v. Two-	victim to safety (a very short distance) using the two-person Person Carry		
to mo	ove the '.	Person Carry Verbalized to victim "We are going to carry you to safety." Rescuer 1 squatted at the victim's head and grasped the victim	1 0	
to mo	ove the v. Two- a.	victim to safety (a very short distance) using the two-person Person Carry Verbalized to victim "We are going to carry you to safety."	1 0	
to mo	ove the v. Two- a.	Person Carry Verbalized to victim "We are going to carry you to safety." Rescuer 1 squatted at the victim's head and grasped the victim from behind the midsection, then reached under the arms and grasped the victim's left wrist with his/her right hand, and vice versa. Rescuer 2 squatted between the victim's knees, facing either toward or away from the victim, and grasped the outside of the		
to mo	Two- a. b.	Person Carry Verbalized to victim "We are going to carry you to safety." Rescuer 1 squatted at the victim's head and grasped the victim from behind the midsection, then reached under the arms and grasped the victim's left wrist with his/her right hand, and vice versa. Rescuer 2 squatted between the victim's knees, facing either toward or away from the victim, and grasped the outside of the victim's legs at the knees. Both rescuers rose to a standing position, keeping backs straight	1 0	
to mo	Two- a. b.	Person Carry Verbalized to victim "We are going to carry you to safety." Rescuer 1 squatted at the victim's head and grasped the victim from behind the midsection, then reached under the arms and grasped the victim's left wrist with his/her right hand, and vice versa. Rescuer 2 squatted between the victim's knees, facing either toward or away from the victim, and grasped the outside of the victim's legs at the knees.	1 0	

		cts volunteer victim where to sit and instructs the rescuers to tim to safety (a very short distance) using the chair carry.			
3.		Carry			
	a.	Verbalized to victim "We are going to carry you to safety."	1	0	
	b.	Rescuer 1 crossed the victim's arms in his or her lap, and faced the back of the chair and grasped the back uprights.	1	0	
	C.	Rescuer 2 grasped the two front legs of the chair. * Either facing the victim or facing away from the victim, whichever is more comfortable for the rescuer.	1	0	
	d.	Both rescuers tilted the chair back and lifted simultaneously.	1	0	
	e.	Carried victim to safe area and gently set the chair down.	1	0	
	f.	Rescuers communicated with each other and coordinated their movements throughout the lift.	2	0	
	ally drag	competitors should <u>verbalize</u> and <u>simulate</u> the lift WITHOUT reging the blanket. Set Drag Assessed location and verbalized to the judge that there is no	1	0	
actua	ally drag				
	a.	Assessed location and verbalized to the judge that there is no debris that would cause additional injury.		•	
	b.	Verbalized to victim "I'm going to wrap you in a blanket and move you to safety."	1	0	
	C.	Wrapped the victim in a blanket.			
	d.	Squatted at the victim's head and grasped the blanket behind	1	0	
	e.	the victim's head. Dragged the victim clear of the hazard.	1	0	
5.		uer 1 Appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication with nt and other personnel.	2	0	
6		uer 2 Appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication with nt and other personnel.	2	0	
TOTA	TOTAL POINTS SKILL III-A			28	
70 % l	Master	y for Skill III-A = 19.6			

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The purpose of Skill **IV-B** is to demonstrate the ability to perform lifts and carries. The skill performance is done in a simulated disaster setting. There will be 4 victims (volunteer persons or manikins) with tags that identify their condition and lift to be used to remove them to safety.

Note to judges and event personnel: <u>Competitor safety</u> must be the primary consideration during the demonstration of each lift. If the performance of any lift or carry could be considered unsafe, please have the competitors demonstrate and verbalize the lift without actually lifting the victim.

Skill III B: Lifts and Carries – Scenario (6 minutes)					Awarded
1.	Doni	ned safety equipment (helmet, goggles, gloves, mask and boots).	1	0	
2.	Surv	reyed the scene by doing a thorough size-up.	1	0	
3.		kly verbalized consideration of their safety, capability, and ations, and decided if they should approach the situation and how.	3	0	
**Fo	HOUT a	Ft, the competitor should verbalize and simulate the lift ctually lifting the other person. Person Pack-Strap Carry Verbalized to victim "I'm going to carry you to safety." Stood with his/her back to the victim. Placed the victim's arms over the rescuer's shoulders and grabbed the hands in front of the rescuer's chest. Hoisted the victim by bending forward slightly, until his/her feet just cleared the floor. Carried victim to safe area and gently lowered victim to	1 1 1 1 1	0 0 0	
**Fo		chair/ground, keeping the back straight and using the legs. ft, competitors should verbalize and simulate the lift WITHOUT			
	-	gging the blanket.			
5.		ket Drag		•	
	a.	Assessed location and verbalized to the judge that there is no debris that would cause additional injury.	1	0	
	b.	Verbalized to victim "I'm going to wrap you in a blanket and move you to safety."	1	0	
	c.	Wrapped the victim in a blanket.	1	0	
	d.	Squatted at the victim's head and grasped the blanket behind the victim's head.	1	0	
	e.	Dragged the victim clear of the hazard.	1	0	

Items Evaluated			Points Possible		Points Awarded
Both	Rescue	rs			
6.	Two-	Person Carry			
	a.	Verbalized to victim "We are going to carry you to safety."	1	0	
	b.	Rescuer 1 squatted at the victim's head and grasped the victim from behind the midsection, then reached under the arms and grasped the victim's left wrist with his/her right hand, and vice versa.	1	0	
	C.	Rescuer 2 squatted between the victim's knees, facing either toward or away from the victim, and grasped the outside of the victim's legs at the knees.	1	0	
	d.	Both rescuers rose to a standing position, keeping backs straight and lifting with legs.	1	0	
	e.	Carried victim to safe area and gently lowered victim to chair/ground, keeping the back straight and using the legs.	2	0	
	f.	Rescuers communicated with each other and coordinated their movements throughout the lift.	2	U	
Both 7.		Carry		0	
	a.	Verbalized to victim "We are going to carry you to safety."	1	0	
	b.	Rescuer 1 crossed the victim's arms in his or her lap, and faced the back of the chair and grasped the back uprights.	1	0	
	C.	Rescuer 2 grasped the two front legs of the chair. * Either facing the victim or facing away from the victim, whichever is more comfortable for the rescuer.	1	0	
	d.	Both rescuers tilted the chair back and lifted simultaneously.	1	0	
	e.	Carried victim to safe area and gently set the chair down.	1	0	
	f.	Rescuers communicated with each other and coordinated their movements throughout the lift.	2	0	
8.		uer 1 Appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication with nt and other personnel.	2	0	
9.		Rescuer 2 Appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication with patient and other personnel.		0	
TOTAL POINTS – SKILL III-B			3	3	
70% I	Master	y for Skill III-B = 23.1			

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^{*}Rescuers will work together while performing this skill. A single rating sheet will be used to evaluate both competitors.

Skill	IV: Splinting a Closed Fracture (5 minutes)	Possible		Awarded
1.	Donned safety equipment (helmet, goggles, gloves, mask and boots).	1	0	
2.	Surveyed the scene by doing a thorough size-up.	2	0	
3.	Identified a conscious victim with a closed injury to an extremity.	1	0	
4.	Verbalized a suspected fracture, dislocation, sprain or strain, and the decision to treat the injury as a fracture.	1	0	
5.	Assessed PMS in the affected limb before splinting. Correctly verbalized treatment priority – "M" or "I".	2	0	
6.	Looked around for and identified splinting materials. *Competitors may use materials they brought with them or found in the immediate vicinity of the scenario.	2	0	
7.	Supported the injured area above and below the site of the injury.	1	0	
8.	Removed restrictive clothing, shoes and jewelry if necessary.	1	0	
9.	Applied the splint to the injury in the position in which it was found without trying to realign the bones or joints.	3	0	
10.	Secured the splint with available ties to effectively hold the splint in place, and without compromising circulation.	1	0	
11.	Filled any voids to further stabilize and immobilize the injury.	1	0	
12.	Immobilized the joints above and below the injury. (As appropriate.)	1	0	
13.	Reassessed PMS and evaluated against initial PMS assessment. Verbalized findings to judge.	2	0	
14.	Appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication with patient and other personnel.	2	0	
тота	TOTAL POINTS SKILL IV			
70% N	lastery for Skill IV = 14.7			

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