

Endotracheal Suctioning

Critical elements are indicated by an asterisk () and must be assessed satisfactorily to pass the check-off. Students missing more than 2 non-asterisk items will result in not passing the skill.*

SKILLS TO BE ASSESSED	S	U	COMMENTS
Verify Healthcare Provider (HCP) Prescription for endotracheal suctioning.			
*Wash hands.			
Identify self to the client as a student nurse.			
*Identify client using two verifiers.			
*Assess the client for allergies.			
Explain procedure to client.			
*Assess: --respiratory rate, rhythm, depth, effort --lung sounds --pulse --SpO2			
Place in semi-fowler's position.			
Set regulator between 80-120mmHg and occlude end of suction tubing to check pressure.			
*Hyper-oxygenate client with 100% O2.			
*Wash hands and apply PPE.			
*Open sterile suction kit --apply sterile gloves --apply sterile drape over client's chest --set up supplies for procedure maintaining sterile technique.			
Secure catheter in sterile gloved hand (dominant).			
With non-dominant hand (will be unsterile) hold suction tubing.			
*Maintaining sterile technique: --with dominant hand attach the sterile suction catheter to suction tubing.			
Unfold suction catheter in dominant hand.			

SKILLS TO BE ASSESSED	S	U	COMMENTS
Flush and lubricate catheter in sterile saline using unsterile thumb to apply suction.			
*Secure catheter in hand maintaining sterile technique.			
Remove oxygen source with non-dominant hand			
*Insert suction catheter with sterile gloved hand: --without suctioning during insertion of catheter until client coughs, gags or meets resistance. --then withdraw approximately ½ inch			
*Perform continuous suction by applying suction with the unsterile (non-dominant) thumb. --for no more than 10 seconds, rotating catheter while withdrawing catheter.			
*Secure catheter in hand maintaining sterile technique.			
*Reapply oxygen using the non-sterile (non-dominant) hand at 100% O2.			
*Remove sterile gloves, discard suction catheter, and wash hands --apply clean gloves.			
*Reassess client: --respiratory rate, rhythm, depth, effort --lung sounds --pulse --SpO2			
*Adjust oxygen to prescribed rate and turn off suction.			
Perform oral hygiene.			
*Remove gloves, take off PPE, and wash hands.			

Pass Fail Completed Remediation (Check one)

Faculty Signature/credentials

Date