



Respiratory Therapist Skills Checklist

Name: _____ Date: _____

In order to provide suitable assignments for you, this checklist is intended as a method of assessing your professional proficiency. Please rate your skill level as accurately as possible by placing a **check** (✓) in the appropriate box.

1 = No experience; Theory/observed only

2 = Limited competency; < 5 times per year; Needs supervision

3 = Acceptable competency; > 5 times per year

4 = Competent; Performs on a daily or weekly basis; Proficient

Skill Level	1	2	3	4
Assessment				
Breath Sounds				
Peak Flow Rate				
Pulmonary Function Testing				
Rate and Work of Breathing				
Transcutaneous Monitoring				
Interpretation of Lab Results				
Arterial Blood Gases				
Basic EKG				
Blood Chemistry				
Chest X-Ray				
Airway Management Devices/Suctioning				
Check Intracuff Pressure				
Endotracheal Tube/ Suctioning				
Nasal Airway Placement				
Nasal Airway/ Suctioning				
Oral Airway/ Placement				
Oropharyngeal/ Suctioning				
Sputum Specimen Collection				
Tracheostomy/ Suctioning				
Analyze Oxygen				
Arterial Line Insertion				
Care of the Patient With a Chest Tube				
Assessment of Function/ Proper				
Placement Assistance				
Chest Physiotherapy				
Drawing Arterial Blood Gasses				
Arterial Line				
Brachial Artery				
Femoral Artery				
Radial Artery; Allen Tests				
Extubate				
Extubation Assistance				
Hemodynamic Monitoring				
Incentive Spirometry				

Skill Level	1	2	3	4
Drawing Arterial Blood Gasses cont...				
Infection Control Procedures				
Intubate				
Intubation Assistance				
Medication Delivery Systems				
Aerosol Heated/cool				
Aerosol Setup-Mask				
Aerosol Set up-Trach				
IPPB				
Medihaler				
Metered Dose Inhaler				
Therapy				
Bag and Mask				
ET Tube				
External CPAP				
Face Masks				
Nasal Cannula				
Nebulizer				
Cold				
Hand Held				
Heated				
Ultrasonic				
Portable O2 Tank				
T-Piece				
Trach Collar				
Thoracentesis Assistance				
Ventilator Set Up and Care				
Assist/ Control				
CPAP				
Flow-by				
High Frequency Jet Ventilator				
High Frequency Oscillator				
IMV				
Inverse Ratio Ventilator				
Pressure Support				

Ventilator Set Up and Care cont....				
Pressure Vents				
SIMV				
Trouble Shooting High Pressure Alarms				
Trouble Shooting Low Pressure Alarms				
Volume Vents				
Weaning				
Care of Patients With				
Acute/ Chronic Bronchitis				
ARDS (Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome)				
Aspiration				
Asthma				
Bronchoscopy				
Cardiac Surgery				
CHF				
Cystic Fibrosis				
Epiglottitis				
Fresh Tracheostomy				
Gullian-Barre				
Hemo pneumothorax				
Laryngospasm				
Myasthenia Gravis				
Pneumonia				
Pulmonary Edema				
Pulmonary Embolism				
Smoke Inhalation				
Status Asthmaticus				
Tension Pneumothorax				
Thoracotomy				
Tracheo-Esophageal Fistula				
Tuberculosis				
Administration of Medications				
Aerobid, Vanceril				
Aminophyline (Theophyline)				
Azmacort				
Bicarbonate				
Combivent				
Cromolyn Sodium (Intal)				
Decadron				
Flonase				
Flovent				
Inhaled Steroids				
Ipratropium Bromade (Atrovent)				
Isoetharine (Bronkosol)				
Isoproterenol (Isuprel)				
Metaproterenol				

Administration of Medications cont.				
Mucomyst				
Nasacort				
Racemic Epinephrine				
Salbutamol (Albuterol, Proventil, Ventolin)				
Terbualine Sulfate (Bricanyl)				
Familiar with the Effects Of				
Anectine				
Atropine				
Corticosteroids				
Digitalis				
Digoxin				
Dopamine				
Duramorph				
Heli/ox Therapy				
Ketamine				
Lidocaine				
Morphine Sulphate				
Nipride				
Nitric Oxide Therapy				
Pavulon				
Pentamidine Isethionate				
Propofol				
Theo-dur				
Valium				
Phlebotomy				
Drawing Blood From Central Line				
Drawing Blood From Peripheral Line				
Drawing Venous Blood				
Neonatal/ Pediatrics				
Assist In High Risk Delivery				
Capillary Blood Gasses				
ECMO				
O2 To Tent				
Umbilical Blood Gasses				
Care of Infant or Child With				
Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia (BPD)				
Croup				
Epiglottitis				
Meconium Aspiration				
Near Drowning				
Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension (PPHN)				
Pulmonary Interstitial Emphysema (PIE)				
Respiratory Distress Syndrome (RDS)				
Respiratory Syncical Virus				
Transient Tachypnea of the Newborn				

Age Specific Practice Criteria				
Newborn/Neonate (birth – 30 days)				
Infant (30 days – 1 year)				
Toddler (1 – 3 years)				
Preschooler (3 – 5 yrs)				
School age children (5 – 12 years)				
Adolescents (12 – 18 years)				
Young Adults (18 – 39 years)				
Middle Adults (39 – 64 years)				
Older Adults (64+ years)				

EMR				
AllScripts				
Canopy				
Epic				
Cerner				
Eclipsys				
McKesson				
Meditech				
Other Computerized System				
Computerized Physician Order Entry				
Bar Coding for Medication Administration				

EQUIPMENT: Please check “YES” if you have used any of the ventilators or Cardiac Monitors listed below:

Ventilator	Record Series (name or #)
Bear	
Bird	
Bp	
Hamilton Amedeus, Veolar	
MA	
Newport	
Sechrist	
Servo	
Drager Infant	
Emerson	
Engstrom	
Putitan Bennett 7200 Series	
Other	

Please list any areas of expertise below:

I hereby certify that ALL information I have provided to Wellspring Nurse Source on this skills checklist is true and accurate. I understand and acknowledge that any misrepresentation or omission may result in disqualification from employment and/or immediate termination.

Signature: _____ Date: _____