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**SKILL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

**AIRWAY EMERGENCY / AIRWAY MANAGEMENT**

**SUCTIONING – OROPHARYNGEAL**

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

Demonstrate competency in performing oropharyngeal suctioning using a rigid and flexible suction catheter and a bulb syringe.

**EQUIPMENT**

Simulated adult and pediatric airway management manikin, oxygen tank with connecting tubing, suction device with connecting tubing, or hand-powered suction device with adaptor, hard and flexible suction catheters, bulb syringe, normal saline irrigation solution, container, gloves, eye protection, masks, gown, waste receptacle, timing device.

**EXAMINER(S):**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Attempt: 1st 2nd 3rd (final)**

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| **PREPARATION** |
| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| Establishes body substance isolation precautions |  |  |  |
| Assesses patient for the need to suction oral secretions |  |  |  |
| Opens suction kit or individual supplies |  |  |  |
| Fills the sterile container with irrigation solution |  |  |  |
| Ensures the suction device is working |  |  |  |
| Sets appropriate suction setting: | Adult 80-120mmHg |  |  |  |
| Peds/Elderly 50- 00mmHg |  |  |
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| **RIGID CATHETER (TONSIL TIP, YANKAUER)** **PROCEDURE** |
| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| Removes oxygen source - *if applied* |  |  |  |
| Connects a rigid catheter to suction tubing/device |  |  |  |
| Opens the patient’s mouth by applying pressure on the chin with the rescuer’s thumb |  |  |  |
| Inserts a rigid catheter into mouth without applying suction |  |  |  |
| Advances the catheter gently into the oral cavity |  |  |  |
| Suctions while withdrawing using a circular motion around mouth, pharynx and gum line within: | Adult 10-15 seconds |  |  | Scenario dependent |
| Peds 5-10 seconds |  |  |
| Replaces oxygen source or ventilates patient at approximate rate of: | Adult 10-12/minuteOne (1) breathe ever 5-6 seconds |  |  | Scenario dependent |
| Peds 12-20/minuteOnce (1) breath every  |  |  |
| Evaluates airway patency and the heart rate  |  |  |  |

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| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| Suctions remaining water into a canister  | Discards the canister |  |  |  |
| Changes gloves |  |  |
| Discards or secures contaminated catheter | Discards into an approved receptacle |  |  |  |
| Return the used catheter to package and place it in a clean area for future use |  |  |
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| **FLEXIBLE CATHETER (WHISTLE STOP, FRENCH)****PROCEDURE** |
| **Skill Component** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments** |
| Measures the depth of catheter insertion from corner of mouth to the edge of ear lobe |  |  |  |
| Removes the oxygen source – *if applied* |  |  | Scenario dependent |
| Connects the flexible catheter to suction tubing/device |  |  |  |
| Opens the patient’s mouth  |  |  |  |
| Inserts the flexible catheter along the roof of the mouth without applying suction |  |  |  |
| Advances the catheter gently to depth measured |  |  |  |
| Suctions while withdrawing and moving catheter from side to side around mouth, pharynx and gum line within: | Adults: 5-15 seconds |  |  |  |
| Children: 5-10 |  |  |
| Infants: Up to five (5) seconds |  |  |
| Replaces oxygen source **OR** ventilates patient at rate of: | Adult – one (1) breath every 5-6 seconds or 10-12/min  |  |  | Scenario dependent |
| Infants and Children – one (1) breath every 3-5 seconds or 12-20/min |  |  |
| Evaluates airway patency **AND** heart rate |  |  |  |
| Discard the catheter into an approved receptacle | Coil the contaminated catheter around (dominant) gloved hand and pull the glove over catheter |  |  |  |
| Pull the glove from other hand over packaged catheter and discard in approved waste receptacle |  |  |
| Return the used catheter to its package and place it in a clean area for future use |  |  |
| Suctions remaining water into canister, and  | Discards the canister  |  |  |  |
| Changes gloves |  |  |

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| **BULB SYRINGE****PROCEDURE** |
| Primes the bulb syringe by squeezing out the air **AND** holds in depressed position |  |  |  |
| Open the patient’s mouth by applying pressure on the chin with your thumb |  |  |  |
| Inserts tip of primed syringe into mouth and advance gently to back of mouth |  |  |  |
| Releases pressure on bulb slowly to draw secretions into syringe |  |  |  |
| Removes syringe from mouth  |  |  |  |
| Empties secretions into designated container by squeezing bulb several times |  |  |  |
| Replaces oxygen source **OR** ventilates patient at rate of: | Infants and Children – one (1) breath every 3-5 seconds or 12-20/min |  |  | Scenario dependent |
| Evaluates airway patency and heart rate |  |  |  |
| Rinses the bulb syringe with irrigation solution |  |  |  |
| Returns the used bulb syringe to the package/container and places it in clean area for future use |  |  |  |
| Discards irrigation solution into designated container  |  |  |  |
| Changes gloves |  |  |  |

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