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**SKILL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

**PATIENT ASSESSMENT**

**BLOOD PRESSURE**

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| **SCENARIO:** |  | | | |
| **EXAMINER(S):** | |  | FAIL  PASS | **Attempt: 1st 2nd 3rd (final)** |

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| **PREPARATION AND SCENE SIZE UP** | | | | | | |
| **Skill Component** | | **Yes** | **No** | | | **Comments** |
| Establishes standard precautions | |  |  | | |  |
| Performs scene size-up | |  |  | | |  |
| **PATIENT PREPARATION** | | | | | | |
| **Skill Component** | | **Yes** | **No** | | | **Comments** |
| **PREPARE**  **PATIENT** | Selects and exposes appropriate blood pressure site |  |  | | |  |
| Properly positions patient and upper extremity at heart level |  |  | | |  |
| **UPPER EXTREMITY AUSCULTATED BLOOD PRESSURE** | | | | | | |
| **Skill Component** | | **Yes** | **No** | | | **Comments** |
| **PERFORM AUSCULTATED BLOOD PRESSURE** | Properly places an appropriately sized cuff snuggly around the arm |  |  | | |  |
| Identifies brachial artery by palpation and places stethoscope diaphragm at this site |  |  | | |  |
| Inflates the cuff while listening for pulse sounds until the sound disappears |  |  | | |  |
| Inflates the cuff an additional 20-30mmHg above the level where the pulse sound stopped |  |  | | |  |
| Deflates the cuff 2-4 mmHg/second and notes where the last pulse sound is heard (+/- 4mmHg) |  |  | | |  |
| **UPPER EXTREMITY PALPATED BLOOD PRESSURE** | | | | | | |
| **Skill Component** | | **Yes** | **No** | | | **Comments** |
| **PERFORM PALPATED**  **BLOOD PRESSURE** | Properly places an appropriately sized cuff snuggly around the arm over the brachial artery |  |  | | |  |
| Locates and palpates pulse at the radial artery |  |  | | |  |
| Inflate the cuff while palpating the radial pulse |  |  | | |  |
| Inflates the cuff and additional 20-30mmHg above the level where the pulse stopped |  |  | | |  |
| Deflates the cuff 2-4 mmHg/second and notes where the first pulse is felt (+/- 4mmHg) |  |  | | |  |
| **NON-INVASIVE BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR (NIBP)** | | | | | | |
| **Skill Component** | | **Yes** | | **No** | **Comments** | |
| **PERFORM**  **NON-INVASIVE BLOOD PRESSURE** | Properly places an appropriately sized cuff snuggly around the arm |  | |  |  | |
| Obtains reading from the device consistent with auscultated blood pressure |  | |  |  | |

**Critical Actions are in BOLD and CAPITALIZED and are required for passing this skill**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY (DHS) POLICY REFERENCES**

[MCG 1380](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dhs/1040607_1380-VitalSigns.pdf), [Vital Signs](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dhs/1040607_1380-VitalSigns.pdf)

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

Demonstrate proficiency in obtaining an accurate auscultated and palpated blood pressure reading. (+/- 4mmHg)

**EQUIPMENT**

Live model, large/medium/pediatric sphygmomanometer, stethoscope/dual teaching stethoscope, non-invasive blood pressure device, goggles, mask, gown, gloves.