Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination
Basic Life Support-Optional Module

Intravenous Therapy

Candidate:_____ Examiner:_____

Date: _____ Signature:_____

Actual Time Started:_____

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Checks selected IV fluid for: -Proper fluid (1 point) -Clarity (1 point) -Expiration date (1 point)	3	
Selects appropriate catheter	1	
Selects proper administration set	1	
Connects IV tubing to the IV bag	1	
Prepares administration set [fills drip chamber and flushes tubing]	1	
Cuts or tears tape [at any time before venipuncture]	1	
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions [prior to venipuncture]	1	
Applies tourniquet	1	
Palpates suitable vein	1	
Cleanses site appropriately	1	
Performs venipuncture -Inserts stylette (1 point) -Notes or verbalizes flashback (1 point) -Occludes vein proximal to catheter (1 point) -Removes stylette (1 point) -Connects IV tubing to catheter (1 point)	5	
Disposes/verbalizes proper disposal of needle in proper container	1	
Releases tourniquet	1	
Runs IV for a brief period to assure patent line	1	
Secures catheter [tapes securely or verbalizes]	1	
Adjusts flow rate as appropriate	1	
Actual Time Ended:_____	**TOTAL 22**	

Critical Criteria

___Failure to establish a patent and properly adjusted IV within 6 minute time limit
___Failure to take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions prior to performing venipuncture
___Contaminates equipment or site without appropriately correcting the situation
___Performs any improper technique resulting in the potential for uncontrolled hemorrhage, catheter shear, or air embolism
___Failure to successfully establish IV within 3 attempts during 6 minute time limit
___Failure to dispose/verbalize disposal of blood-contaminated sharps immediately in proper container at the point of use
___Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
___Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
___Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items below.

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