



CRITICAL CARE SKILLS CHECKLIST

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: This checklist is meant to serve as a general guideline for our client facilities as to the level of your skills within your nursing specialty. Please use the scale below to describe your **experience/expertise** in each area listed below.

1=Never Performed 2=Limited Experience 3=Comfortable Performing 4=Proficient

CARE OF PATIENTS WITH	1	2	3	4
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm				
Acute MI				
Angioplasty				
Cardiac Arrest				
Cardiac Tamponade				
Cardiac Transplant				
Cardiomyopathy				
Congestive Heart Failure				
Cor Pulmonale				
Deep Vein Thrombosis - DVT				
Endocarditis - Bacterial				
Endocarditis - Infective				
Intracoronary Stent Placement				
Myocardial contusion				
Pericarditis				
Acute Pneumonia				
ARDS				
COPD				
Lung Transplant				
Pulmonary Edema/Hypertension				
Pulmonary Embolism				
Status Asthmaticus				
Tension Pneumothorax				
Tuberculosis				
Cerebral Aneurysm				
Coma				
CVA/TIA				
Encephalitis				
Intracranial Bleed				
Meningitis				
Multiple Sclerosis				
Neuromuscular Disease				
Seizures				
Skull Fracture				
Spinal Cord Injuries				
VP Shunt				
Acute Renal Failure				
Ileal Conduit Nephrostomy				
Renal Rejection Syndrome				
Renal Transplant				
Hepatic Failure				
Hepatitis				

CARE OF PATIENTS WITH	1	2	3	4
Liver Transplant				
Diabetes Insipidus				
Diabetes Mellitus				
Diabetic Ketoacidosis				
HHNK				
Insulin Shock				
Bowel Obstruction				
Esophageal Bleed				
GI Bleed				
Inflammatory Bowel Disease				
Pancreatitis				
Paralytic Ileus				
Peritonitis				
TURP				
Urinary Tract Infection				
Adrenal Disorders				
Hyperthyroidism				
Hypothyroidism				
Pituitary Disorders				
Multisystem Organ Failure				
DIC				
Hypothermia				
Heat Exhaustion/Stroke				
Amputation				
Orthopedic Injuries				
Osteomyelitis				
Anaphylactic Shock				
Cardiogenic Shock				
Hypovolemic Shock				
Neurogenic Shock				
Septic Shock				
First Degree Burns				
Second Degree Burns				
Third Degree Burns				
Drug Overdose				
Delirium Tremens				
Bone Marrow Transplant				
Leukemia				
HIV/AIDS				
MRSA/VRE				
Electrocution				
Hazardous Material Exposure				

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CARE OF PATIENTS WITH	1	2	3	4
Malignant Tumors				
Near Drowning				
Brain Death/Organ Procurement				
Blunt Trauma				
Chest Trauma				
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Abdomen				
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Chest				
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Head				
Multiple Trauma				
Renal Trauma				
Cardiothoracic Surgery				
GI Surgery				
Neurosurgery				
Vascular Surgery				
Transfusion Reaction				
MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION				
Adenosine				
Albuterol (Ventolin)				
Aminophylline				
Amiodarone (Cardarone)				
Amrinone (Inocor)				
Aquamephyton				
Atropine				
Bretylium				
Charcoal				
Chemotherapeutic agents				
Corticosteroids				
Dobutamine				
Diazepam (Valium)				
Digoxin				
Diltiazem				
Epinephrine				
Esmolol				
Insulin				
Ipecac				
Isoetharine (Bronkosol)				
Kayexelate				
Lactulose				
Lasix				
Lidocaine				
Mannitol				
Metaproterenol (Alupent)				
Metroprolol (Lopressor)				
Nitroprusside				
Nitroglycerine				
Paralytic Agents				
Phenobarbital				
Phenytoin (Dilantin)				
Procainamide (Pronestyl)				
Propranolol (Inderal)				
Sodium Bicarbonate				
Streptokinase				
Terbutaline				

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION	1	2	3	4
TPA				
Vasopressin				
Verapamil				
Continuous IV Infusion				
CAD Pump				
Eye/ear instillations				
IM injections				
Insulin Pump				
IV Push				
Metered Dose Inhalers				
Nebulizer				
Rectal infusion				
Suppository				
SQ injections				
Z track injections				
PROCEDURES/SKILLS				
Admission of patients to unit				
A-V Fistula Care				
Brace/Splint Application				
Bronchoscopy (assist with)				
Foley/Straight Cath insertion & care				
a. male				
b. female				
Bladder irrigation				
Care of suprapubic catheter				
Cardioversion				
Cast care				
Cast application (assist with)				
Charge Nurse responsibilities				
Chemotherapy				
Chest physiotherapy				
Chest tube & drainage system				
a. set up				
b. assist with insertion				
c. care & maintenance				
d. troubleshooting				
e. removal				
CAVH				
EKG Interpretation				
a. 12 lead				
b. arrhythmias				
c. lead placement				
Emergency Tracheostomy-assist				
Extubation				
Continuous Tube Feeding				
Gavage, intermittent Tube Feeding				
Femoral Artery Sheath Mgmt/Removal				
Gastric Lavage, Iced Saline				
Gastric Suction				
a. intermittent				
b. continuous				
Glasgow Coma Scale				
Halo Traction/Cervical Tongs				

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PROCEDURES/SKILLS	1	2	3	4
Hemodialysis				
Hemodynamic Monitoring, Invasive				
a. Swan-Ganz cath insertion assist				
b. Swan-Ganz cath care				
c. MAP				
d. CVP				
e. PAWP/Wedge/PA				
f. Cardiac Output				
g. Cardiac Index				
h. SVO2				
i. Arterial line insertion assist				
j. Arterial line care				
Hemodynamic Monitoring, Non-invasive				
a. auscultation				
b. doppler				
c. automatic BP cuff				
d. palpation				
Interpretation of Lab Results				
a. Blood gases				
b. Blood chemistry				
c. Cardiac enzymes/isoenzymes				
d. CBC				
e. Coagulation studies				
f. Cultures				
g. Electrolytes				
h. Urine dipstick				
Intestinal Tract Tube Insertion/Care				
a. Gastrostomy tubes				
b. Jejunostomy tubes				
c. Nasogastric tubes				
d. Orogastric tubes				
e. T-tubes (care only)				
Intraaortic Balloon Pump				
Intracranial Pressure Monitoring				
Intravenous Infusions				
a. Blood & Blood Products				
- albumin				
- auto infusion				
- cryoprecipitate				
- fresh frozen plasma (FFP)				
- packed RBCs				
- whole blood				
b. Central line care				
- Broviac				
- Groshong				
- Hickman				
- PICC				
- Portacath				
- Quinton				
c. Hyperalimentation				
d. Intralipids				

PROCEDURES/SKILLS	1	2	3	4
e. Peripheral IV insertion & care				
- Angiocath				
- Butterfly				
f. Saline Lock/Heparin Lock				
Intubation (assist with)				
Isolation Procedures				
Lumbar Puncture (assist with)				
Nerve Stimulators				
Neurological Assessments				
Nursing Assessment Care Planning				
Oral Airway Insertion				
Oxygen Therapy Administration				
a. Bag & mask				
b. ET tube				
c. External CPAP				
d. Face mask				
e. Nasal cannula				
f. Trach Collar				
g. BiPAP				
h. ambu bag				
Pacemaker				
a. external				
b. permanent				
c. temporary				
d. transthoracic				
Peritoneal Dialysis				
a. automatic cyclor				
b. manual				
Peritoneal Lavage				
Restraints				
Specimen Collection				
a. Blood				
- femoral arterial stick				
- radial arterial stick				
- arterial line				
- central line				
- venous stick				
b. Cultures				
c. Sputum				
d. Urine				
Suctioning				
a. ET tube - closed				
b. ET tube - open				
c. Nasal-pharyngeal				
d. Tracheostomy				
e. Oral/Yankauer				
Temperature				
a. Axillary				
b. Oral				
c. Tympanic				
Suicide Precautions				
Thoracentesis/Paracentesis-assist				

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PROCEDURES/SKILLS	1	2	3	4
Ventricular Assist Device (RVAD, LVAD)				
Vent weaning/interpret parameters				
Wound/Ostomy Care				
a. Colostomy care/bag change				
b. Ileostomy care/bag change				
c. Irrigations				
d. Pressure ulcers				
- staging				
- care				
e. Stasis ulcers				
f. Staple insertion - assist				
g. Sterile dressing changes				
h. Steristrip application				
i. Surgical wounds with drains				
j. Suturing - assist with				
PAIN MANAGEMENT				
Pain assessment using pain scales				
Epidural analgesia				
IV conscious sedation				
Patient controlled analgesia (PCA)				
Narcotic Agents				
Non-narcotic agents				
Non-pharmacological measures				
EQUIPMENT				
Automatic BP cuffs				
Cardiac Monitor				

EQUIPMENT	1	2	3	4
Centrifuge				
Defibrillator				
Femoral Hemostasis Devices				
Glucometer				
Hypo/Hyperthermia blanket				
Infusion Pumps (specific brands)				
-				
-				
-				
Oxygen Analyzer				
Oxygen Blender				
Pulse Ox				
Specialty Beds				
a. Air fluidized				
b. Low air loss				
c. Rotating				
d. Stryker				
e. other specify _____				
Ventilator				
a. CPAP				
b. High frequency jet				
c. Pressure				
d. T-piece				
e. Volume				

Do you speak any languages other than English? (circle)
 If yes, which language(s)? _____

YES NO

Age Specific Skills	Neonates (0-30 days)	Infants (1 mo- 1 yr)	Toddlers (1-3 yrs)	Preschool (4-6 yrs)	School Age (7-12 yrs)	Adolescent (13-18 yrs)	Young Adult (19-39 yrs)	Middle Adults (40-64 yrs)	Older Adults (65+ yrs)
Check the box under EACH age group that you have experience with and are comfortable with for each skill below.									
Understands the different communications needs for the age group & changes communication methods and terminology accordingly									
Understands the different medications, dosages and possible side effects for the age group and administers medications appropriately									
Understands the different safety risks for the age group and alters the environment accordingly									
Understands the normal growth and development for the age group and adapts care accordingly									

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Nurse Signature _____ Date _____

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