



PACU 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

POST OP CARE OF PATIENTS WITH	1	2	3	4
CABG				
Aneurysm with graft replacement				
Cardiac Transplantation				
Cardiac Valve Replacement (MVR, AVR)				
Chest Tubes				
Embolectomy/Thrombectomy				
Endarterectomy				
Laryngectomy				
Open Heart Procedures				
Penetrating/Open Chest Trauma				
Peripheral Vascular Bypasses				
Pneumonectomy/Lobectomy				
Post Op Myocardial Infarction				
Radical Neck Resection				
Stent Placements				
Thorcotomy				
Tracheostomy				
Vena Cava Filter				
Craniotomy				
a. Epidural				
b. Subdural				
Aneurysm Clipping				
Burr Holes				
Evacuation of Hematoma				
Intracranial Tumor Excision				
Laminectomy				
Spinal Fusions				
Spinal Tumor Excision				
Subarachnoid Screw/Bolt				
Ventricular Peritoneal Shunt				
Ventriculostomy				
Neuromuscular Disease				
Abdominal Trauma				
Appendectomy				
Cholecystectomy				
Colon Resection				
Colostomy/Ileostomy				
Esophagectomy				
Exploratory Laparotomy				
Gastrectomy				
Gastric Stapling				
Hepatic Resection				

POST OP CARE OF PATIENTS WITH	1	2	3	4
Biliary Atresia				
Hernia Repair				
Pyloric Stenosis				
Pyloroplasty				
Vagotomy				
Whipple				
Hemorrhoidectomy				
AV Fistulas, Shunts & Dialysis Catheters				
Cystectomy				
Ileal Conduit				
Nephrectomy				
Prostatectomy				
Renal Transplant				
TURP/TURBP				
Ureteral Stent Insertion				
Amputations				
Open Reduction/Internal Fixation				
Total Joint Replacements/Arthroplasty				
Adenotonsillectomy (T&A)				
Adrenalectomy				
Cleft Lip/Palate Repair				
Facial Fractures				
Sinus Surgery				
Thyroidectomy				
Transphenoidal Hypophysectomy				
Dilation & Curettage (D&C)				
Hysterectomy				
Lumpectomy				
Mastectomy				
Oophorectomy				
Orchiectomy				
Salpingectomy				
TAH-BSO				
Cataract Extraction				
Cochlear Implant				
Keratoplasty (Corneal Transplant)				
Laser Eye Surgery				
Myringotomy				
Orbital Fracture				
Orbital Implant				
Scleral Bucking (for Retinal Detachment)				
Dacryocystectomy				

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POST OF CARE OF PATIENTS WITH	1	2	3	4
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Abdomen				
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Chest				
Gun Shot/Stab Wound-Head				
Plastic Surgery				
Skin Flaps				
Skin Grafts				
Wound Debridement				
Anaphylaxis				
Latex Allergies				
MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION				
Pain Management				
a. Fentanyl				
b. Demerol				
c. Dilaudid				
d. Morphine				
Sedatives				
a. Ativan				
b. Valium				
c. Versed				
H2 Receptor Antagonists				
a. Zantac				
b. Pepcid				
c. Carafate				
Antiemetics				
a. Droperidol				
b. Phenergan				
c. Zofran				
Anticonvulsants (Dilantin, Phenobarbital)				
Inotropes/Vasoactive Drips				
Ca ⁺⁺ Channel Blockers (Cardizem)				
Nitroglycerine				
Nipride				
Amiodarone				
Lidocaine				
Procainamide (Pronestyl)				
Heparin/Coumadin				
Diuretics				
Steroids (Decadron, Solumedrol)				
Glycoprotein IIb/IIIa Receptor Inhibitors				
Narcan				
Romazicon				
Nebulizer Tx (Atrovent, Ventolin)				
Epinephrine				
Atropine				
IM Injections				
SQ Injections				
Continuous IV Pump Infusions				
Eye/Ear Instillations				
Medication Administration/Monitoring				
a. Epidural				
b. Intrathecal				
c. Spinal Anesthesia				
d. IV Push				

PROCEDURES/SKILLS	1	2	3	4
Interpretation of Arrhythmias				
Performing 12 lead EKGs				
Hemodynamic Monitoring				
a. Arterial Line				
b. PA Catheter/Swan Ganz Catheter				
c. CVP Line				
Interpretation of Lab Values				
a. ABGs				
b. CBC				
c. Blood Chemistry				
d. Electrolytes				
Assessment/Management Fluid Balance				
Management Electrolyte Disturbances				
Cardiac Arrest/CPR				
Cardioversion				
Defibrillation				
External/Temporary Pacing				
Airway Management				
a. Head Position				
b. Oral/NT Airway				
d. Laryngeal Mask Airway (LMA)				
e. Endotracheal Tube				
f. Tracheostomy				
Oxygen Therapy				
a. Nasal Cannula				
b. Face Mask				
c. Non-Rebreather Mask				
d. Ambu Bag				
e. Trach Collar				
CO2 Monitoring				
Intubation - assist with				
Extubation - assist with				
Mechanical Ventilation				
Obtaining ABG's				
a. via A-Line				
b. via arterial stick				
Suctioning				
a. Oral/NT				
b. ETT/Tracheostomy				
Chest Tubes - Care/Maintenance				
Seizure Precautions				
Cervical Spine Precautions				
Intracranial Pressure Monitoring (ICP)				
Cerebral Perfusion Pressure (CPP)				
Nasogastric Tube - Insertion/Care				
Gastric Tube - Care/Maintenance				
Jejunostomy Tube - Care/Maintenance				
Stoma Care/Maintenance				
Wound Drains				
a. Self Suction (J-P, Hemovac)				
b. Irrigation Drains (Axiom)				
c. Tube				
d. Biliary Tube				

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PROCEDURES/SKILLS	1	2	3	4
Care Maintenance Of:				
a. Foley Catheter				
b. Suprapubic Catheter				
c. Nephrostomy Tube				
d. Bladder Irrigation				
Orthopedic Traction				
CPM Machine				
Peripheral IV Insertion/Care				
PICC Care				
Blood/Blood Products				
a. Administration				
b. Autotransfusion				
c. Volume Expander Administration				
Aldrette Scoring				
Malignant Hyperthermia Management				
Blood Glucose Monitoring				
Restraints				
Specimen Collection				
a. Blood				
- femoral arterial stick				
- radial arterial stick				
- arterial line				
- central line				
- venous stick				
b. Cultures				
c. Sputum				
d. Urine				

PAIN MANAGEMENT	1	2	3	4
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				
Defibrillator				
Glucometer				
Hypo/Hyperthermia Blanket				
Infusion Pumps (Specific Brands)				
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-				
Pulse Oximeter				
ASSESSMENT/OTHER				
Assess Breath Sounds				
Assess Heart Sounds				
Admission of patients to unit				
Care Planning				
Circulation Checks				
Computerized Charting				
Patient Teaching				
Neurological Assessments				
Vital Signs				

Do you speak any languages other than English? (circle) YES NO
 If yes, which language(s)? _____

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 communication 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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