



Medical/Surgical Skills Checklist

Name: _____

Date: _____

In order to provide suitable assignments for you, this checklist is intended as a method of assessing your professional proficiency. Please rate your skill level as accurately as possible by placing a **check** (✓) in the appropriate box.

1 = No experience; Theory/observed only

2 = Limited competency; < 5 times per year; Needs supervision

3 = Acceptable competency; > 5 times per year

4 = Competent; Performs on a daily or weekly basis; Proficient

Skill Level	1	2	3	4
Administration of chemotherapy meds				
Administration/Mixing of IV meds				
Administration of continuous fluids				
Blood/blood product administration, precautions				
Autotransfusion				
Calculation of rates				
Mcg/min				
Mcg/kg/min				
Mg/min				
Hang IV Piggyback				
Heparin Lock				
Hyperalimentation				
Peripheral/Central Line				
Knowledge of solution				
Insertion of Central line				
Use of Broviac/Hickman/Groshong Catheters				
Lab Assessment				
Implanted venous access ports				
Dressing changes				
Insertion of peripheral line:				
Dressing change				
d/c line				
Universal precautions				
Isolation procedures				
Airborne isolations				
Wound/blood isolations				
Specimen Collection:				
Arterial line blood draw				
Blood culture				
Capillary blood draw				
Central line blood draw				
PICC line blood draw				
Sputum				

Skill Level	1	2	3	4
Specimen Collection cont...				
Stool				
Urine Culture				
Urinalysis				
Venipuncture				
Wound Culture				
Medications				
Activase				
Amiodarone				
Atropine				
Bretylium				
Bumex				
Bicarbonate				
Cardizem				
Dextrose				
Digoxin				
Dilantin				
Dobutamine				
Dopamine				
Epinephrine				
Esmolol				
Heparin				
Inderal				
Inocor				
Insulin				
Isuprel				
KCl				
Levophed				
Lidocaine				
Mannitol				
Magnesium Sulfate				
Morphine				
Neosynephrine				
Nipride				

Medications cont...				
Nitroglycerine				
Phenobarbital				
Pavulon				
Prednisone				
Pitressin				
Procainamide				
Streptokinase				
Tpa				
Verapamil				
Vasopressin				
Obtain 12 lead EKG				
Normal Anatomy of the Heart				
Left Side				
Right Side				
Normal Physiology of CV system				
Post Angiogram care				
Resuscitation				
Team Member				
Perform defibrillation				
Perform/set up emergent cardioversion				
Prepare and administer meds				
Set up and interpret 12 lead EKG				
Care of patients with:				
Acute Aneurysm				
Acute MI				
Angina				
CHF				
Airway maintenance				
Deep vein thrombosis				
Pulmonary edema				
Shock: Cardiogenic				
Shock: Hypovolemic				
Shock: Septic				
Pulmonary:				
Care of patients with:				
Acute respiratory distress				
AIDS				
Asthma				
COPD				
DIC				
Hemothorax				
Pneumonia				
Pneumothorax				
Pulmonary embolism				
TB				

Pulmonary cont...				
Transplant/Pulmonary				
ARDS				
Interpretation of labs				
Ambu bag techniques				
Administer oxygen				
Use of apnea monitor				
Assess lung sounds				
Chest physiotherapy				
Complications of:				
Incentive spirometer				
Nebulizer				
Normal physiology of pulmonary vascular system				
Obtain arterial blood gas				
Result interpretation				
Pavulonized patient				
Pulse oximetry				
Suctioning				
Use of emergency equipment				
Neurological System				
Assessing sensory-motor function extremities				
Assist with lumbar puncture				
Cervical traction				
Cranial nerve assessment				
Crutchfield tongs				
Halo traction				
LOC assessment				
Monitoring of ICP				
Appropriate interventions for changes in Pressure				
Pre/post neuro surgical care				
Seizure precautions				
Use of Glasgow coma scale				
Visual acuity measurement				
Stryker Frame				
Care of patients with:				
Aphasia				
Closed head injury				
Craniotomy				
VP shunt				
Neuro Shunt				
CVA				
Multiple Sclerosis				
Multiple trauma patient				
Overdose patient				
Seizure disorder				
Spinal cord injury				

Neurological System cont...				
GI/GU/ENDO				
Administer med via NG/gastrostomy tube				
Assist with vas-cath insertion				
AV shunt/fistula care				
Catheter insertion:				
Female				
Male				
Care of burn patients				
Hyperbaric oxygen therapy				
Dialysis:				
Hemo				
Peritoneal				
Insulin preparation and administration				
Blood glucose monitoring				
Equipment used:				
Jejunostomy care				
NG tube insertion/lavage				
Normal physiology of renal and GI system				
Ostomy/stoma care				
Peritoneal lavage				
Poison control				
Wound care irrigations				
Care of the patient with:				
Acute cholecystitis				
Acute renal failure				
Bowel obstruction				
Diabetes				
ERCP				
GI bleed				
Hyper/hypoglycemia				
Multiple abdominal wounds				
Paralytic ileus				
Nephrectomy				
Pancreatitis				
Transplant/Kidney				
T.U.R.P.				
Whipple procedure				

ORTHO				
Total joint replacement				
Arthroscopic surgery				
Bucks extension				
K-wires/Steinman pins				
Removal of hardware				
Spika Cast/body cast				
Cast removal				
Amputation				
Skeletal traction				
Ortho trauma				
Laminectomy				
Procedure for patient signing AMA				
Disaster protocols				
Assist with peritoneal lavage				
MISC. Trays/Instruments				
Pelvic tray				
Cut down tray				
Procto tray				
CVP tray				
Culdocentesis tray				
Thoracentesis tray				
EMR				
Allscripts				
Cerner				
Epic				
HomeCare Home Base				
McKesson				
Meditech				
Other Computerized Documentation System				

Please list any areas of expertise below:

I hereby certify that ALL information I have provided to Wellspring Nurse Source on this skills checklist is true and accurate. I understand and acknowledge that any misrepresentation or omission may result in disqualification from employment and/or immediate termination.

Nurse Signature: _____ Date: _____