



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____

- Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions 1
- Checks responsiveness 1
- Requests additional EMS assistance 1
- Checks breathing and pulse simultaneously 1

NOTE: After checking responsiveness, then checking breathing and pulse for no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs candidate, "The patient is unresponsive, apneic and has a weak pulse of 60."

- Opens airway properly 1

NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus."

- Prepares rigid suction catheter 1
- Turns on power to suction device or retrieves manual suction device 1
- Inserts rigid suction catheter without applying suction 1
- Suctions the mouth and oropharynx 1

NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth and oropharynx are clear."

- Opens the airway manually 1
- Inserts oropharyngeal airway 1

NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct."

- **Ventilates the patient immediately using a BVM device unattached to oxygen
- [**Award this point if candidate elects to ventilate initially with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.] 1

NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.

- Re-checks pulse for no more than 10 seconds 1
- Attaches the BVM assembly [mask, bag, reservoir] to oxygen [15 L/minute] 1
- Ventilates the patient adequately
- Proper volume to cause visible chest rise (1 point) 2
- Proper rate [10 – 12/minute (1 ventilation every 5 – 6 seconds)] (1 point)

Note: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"

Actual Time Ended: _____ **TOTAL** 16

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- ___ After suctioning the patient, failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions
- ___ Failure to suction airway **before** ventilating the patient
- ___ Suctions the patient for an excessive and prolonged time
- ___ Failure to check responsiveness, then check breathing and pulse simultaneously for no more than 10 seconds
- ___ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]