

Ventilatory Management Instructions to Skill Examiners

Thank you for serving as a Skill Examiner at today's examination. Please take a few moments to review the instructions for your station.

Skill Examiner Responsibilities

- Act in a professional and unbiased manner toward everyone involved in the exam, including candidates.
- Limit conversation with candidates to instructions and answering exam-related questions.
- Do not behave in a way that is discriminatory or perceived as harassment, and immediately report all instances of discrimination or harassment to the National Registry Representative.
- Maintain control of your scenario.
 - Familiarize yourself with the details of the scenario.
 - Brief simulated patients and assistants.
 - Make sure all equipment is functional.
- Be sure that all exam materials always remain in a secure place.
- Return all exam materials to the National Registry Representative.
 - Include all notes taken by the candidate.
- Thoroughly document justification for the candidate's score, especially if any Critical Criteria are identified.
- Do not give verbal or physical cues to the candidate to indicate their performance at your station. Remain neutral and objective in your conduct.

Skill Examiner Key Points

- Candidates are expected to choose equipment and medications based on current evidence-based guidelines and the national scope of practice for the level for which the candidate is testing.
- The chronological order in which a candidate performs each step for a skill is only important if performing steps out of order would cause harm.
- Reasonable equipment substitutions are acceptable. Direct any questions regarding equipment substitutions to the National Registry Representative.
- Report all equipment failures immediately to the National Registry Representative, and promptly replace defective equipment.

Supraglottic Airway Device

Skill Examiner Key Points

- This skill may be conducted at the same station as the Pediatric Respiratory Compromise skill station. Equipment for both skills must be available if they are to be performed at the same station.
- The adult manikin must be on the floor for this skill.
- One “attempt” is the insertion of the supraglottic airway device to its indicated depth.
- It is reasonable to verbalize the securing of the supraglottic airway device to control the cost of the examination.
- Ensure that you are familiar with the device on which the candidate will be tested.

Equipment List

Do not open these skill stations for testing until the following equipment is available. The Pediatric Respiratory Compromise skill station may be present in the same station and will need to include the equipment list of that skill in addition to the equipment below. You must ensure that all equipment is working adequately throughout the examination. All equipment must be disassembled (oxygen supply tubing disconnected, regulator turned off, cuffs deflated with syringes disconnected, etc.) before accepting a candidate for evaluation:

- Personal protective equipment
- Adult intubation manikin
- Secondary airway confirmation device
- Syringe of appropriate size for the supraglottic device, if applicable
- Supraglottic airway device
- Bag-valve-mask device with reservoir (adult)
- Oxygen cylinder with regulator (may be empty)
- Oxygen connecting tubing
- Selection of oropharyngeal airways
- Selection of nasopharyngeal airways
- Stethoscope
- Lubricant
- Tape or commercial airway securing device
- Tongue depressor
- Towel or other appropriate padding

The Skill Examiner reads the following instructions to all Advanced EMT candidates who must complete the Supraglottic Airway Device Skill Station:

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS CANDIDATE FOR SUPRAGLOTTIC AIRWAY DEVICE SKILL STATION

These progressive skills are designed to evaluate your ability to provide immediate and aggressive ventilatory assistance to an apneic adult patient who has no other associated injuries. No trauma is involved, and spinal precautions are unnecessary. You are required to demonstrate sequentially all procedures you would perform, from simple maneuvers and adjuncts to placement of a supraglottic airway device of your choosing.

[Skill examiner now begins to fill out appropriate form and documents which supraglottic airway device the candidate chooses.]

You will have three attempts to successfully place the supraglottic airway device. You must ventilate the manikin for at least 30 seconds with each adjunct and procedure utilized. I will serve as your trained assistant and will be interacting with you throughout these skills. I will correctly carry out your orders upon your direction. Do you have any questions?

Please take a few moments to check your equipment and prepare whatever you feel is necessary.

[After two minutes or sooner if the candidate acknowledges that they are prepared, the skill examiner continues reading the following:]

Upon your arrival to the scene, you observe the patient as he/she goes into respiratory arrest and becomes unresponsive. A palpable carotid pulse is still present. Bystander ventilations have not been initiated. The scene is safe, and no hemorrhage or other immediate problem is found.