

PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST

Measuring Temperature With Glass Thermometer

Name _____

To be completed by instructor during observation of 100%, unassisted mastery of procedure. Date and sign below. Skill mastery must be demonstrated prior to direct patient contact.

Equipment: Mercury- free glass thermometer, sheaths, tissues, notepad and pen, gloves.

- _____ 1. Assemble necessary equipment according to procedure being performed (oral, R or Ax).
- _____ 2. Knock before entering room.
- _____ 3. Wash hands, practice standard precautions throughout procedure.
- _____ 4. Greet and identify patient.
- _____ 5. Introduce self.
- _____ 6. Explain procedure and obtain permission.
- _____ 7. Remove thermometer from disinfectant or container.,
- _____ 8. Rinse with cool water and wipe dry with cotton ball or tissue.
- _____ 9. Check for cracks/chips.
- _____ 10.. Check that the thermometer reads 96 F (35.6 C) or lower, shake down if needed, then insert into plastic sheath.
- _____ 11.. Follow appropriate procedure according to type of temperature reading being taken.
- _____ 12. Gently remove thermometer and remove plastic sheath. Discard sheath in waste basket.
- _____ 13. Correctly read temperature +/- 2 degrees of instructor's reading.
- _____ 14. Reposition the patient.
- _____ 15. Shake mercury down.
- _____ 16. Replace thermometer in appropriate container or disinfectant.
- _____ 17. Clean and replace all equipment.
- _____ 18. Remove gloves and wash hands.
- _____ 19. Provide for comfort with call signal in reach.
- _____ 20. Record temperature on appropriate form and report any abnormal reading to supervisor.

Pass _____ **Instructor's Signature** _____ **Date** _____

The above signature attests that the evaluator did not prompt, give hints, or otherwise assist the individual in the performance of the skills, or allow the individual to study the skill after selection or before demonstration when the individual was being tested for competency. Revised 2005