

PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST

Measuring A Tympanic Temperature

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: Tympanic thermometer, disposable probe covers, notepad and pen and gloves.

Note: Follow manufacturer's directions that accompany each type and brand of thermometer to ensure correct usage.

- ____ 1. Assemble equipment.
- ____ 2. Knock before entering room.
- ____ 3. Greet and identify resident.
- ____ 4. State your name and title.
- ____ 5. Explain procedure and obtain permission.
- ____ 6. Wash hands and follow standard precautions through-out procedure.
- ____ 7. Provide privacy.
- ____ 8. Provide for resident safety. Position bed at best level for body mechanics.
- ____ 9. Put on gloves if contamination possible.
- ____ 10. Place probe cover on tympanic thermometer.
- ____ 11. Have resident turn head so ear is facing you.
- ____ 12. Gently straighten ear canal by pulling ear up and back.
- ____ 13. Hold probe in place.
- ____ 14. Wait for signal indicating temperature reading is complete.
- ____ 15. Remove probe and eject and discard probe cover. Do not touch cover.
- ____ 16. Return probe to its stored position or put tympanic thermometer down.
- ____ 17. Record resident's name and temperature on notepad.
- ____ 18. Remove gloves, if worn, and wash hands.
- ____ 19. Lower bed. Provide for comfort with call signal in reach.
- ____ 20. Return thermometer to appropriate place.
- ____ 21. Record temperature 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. 2005