

#23 - APPLYING A NASAL CANNULA

(Partner Check-Off)

I acknowledge I have physically practiced and successfully learned the following skill(s):

Student: _____ Date: _____

	P1	P2	P3	Comments
1. Checked the details of the health care provider's orders. Verified the oxygen delivery method, flow rate and duration of therapy.				
2. Gathered the necessary equipment and supplies.				
3. Performed hand hygiene, and provided for the patient's privacy.				
4. Introduced self to the patient and family.				
5. Identified the patient using two identifiers. Compared identifiers in the patient's SMAR/medical record with the information on the patient's identification bracelet.				
6. Assessed the patient's respiratory system, including respiratory rate, sputum production and lung sounds. Checked oxygen saturation and ABGs if available.				
7. Attached the oxygen delivery device to the oxygen tubing, and attached the tubing to the oxygen source adjusted to the prescribed flow rate.				
8. When an oxygen flow rate >4 L/min is ordered, applied a humidified oxygen source.				
9. Positioned a nasal cannula: placed the tips in the patient's nares, and adjusted the elastic headband or plastic slide on the cannula so that it fit comfortably and snugly.				
10. Maintained sufficient slack on the oxygen tubing. Secured the tubing to the patient's clothing if necessary.				
11. Observed for proper functioning of the oxygen delivery device:				
a. Positioned nasal cannula properly in the nares.				
b. <u>Reservoir nasal cannula</u> : Fit this device the same as for a nasal cannula. Positioned the reservoir beneath the patient's nose or hung as a pendant.				
c. <u>Venturi mask</u> : Applied the mask over the patient's mouth and nose to form a tight seal. Selected the appropriate flow rate.				
d. <u>Nonbreathing mask</u> : Confirmed that oxygen was flowing, and applied the mask over the patient's mouth and nose to form a tight seal.				
e. <u>Face tent</u> : Applied the tent loosely under the patient's chin and over				

the mouth and nose.

- 12. Confirmed that the oxygen source and flow meter have been set up properly and calibrated to deliver oxygen at the prescribed rate. Ensured that the ball on the flow meter was even with the number of L/min ordered.
- 13. Documented respiratory assessment and all actions related to oxygen administration.
- 14. Checked the cannula/mask every 8 hours or according to agency policy. Kept the humidification container filled with water at all times.
- 15. Monitored the patient's pulse oximetry and ABG levels if needed.
- 16. Helped the patient into a comfortable position, and placed toiletries and personal items within reach.
- 17. Placed the call light within easy reach, and made sure the patient knew how to use it to summon assistance.
- 18. Raised the appropriate number of side rails and lowered the bed to the lowest position.
- 19. Documented and reported the patient's response and expected or unexpected outcomes.
- 20. Performed hand hygiene.

S = Satisfactory **U** = Unsatisfactory **NP** = Not Performed * = Must Perform to Pass

By signing below I acknowledge that I witnessed the skill performed and the student successfully passed the skill.

Practice 1: Evaluator: _____ Signature: _____

Practice 2: Evaluator: _____ Signature: _____

FINAL Student Evaluator: _____ Signature: _____

CHARTING CRITERIA: Chart on graphics, nasal cannula used, pulse oximeter results.

TIME	INTERDISCIPLINARY NOTES

NANDA: