Skill Guide

Date: _____

(CPI) = Critical Performance Indicator

Candidate: _____

Start Time: _____

End Time: _____

Assessing Respiration Rate

Objective: To evaluate patient's respiration rate.

Skill	Max Points	Skill Demo	
Initiates Standard Precautions.	1		(CPI)
Obtains permission to treat patient.	1		
Determines if patient can speak in complete sentences.	1		
Looks for chest rise and fall (On unresponsive patient, places hand on patient's chest or listen at mouth for respirations).	1		
Determines if patient has breathing problems.	1		
Assesses respirations for the following: • Rhythm • Depth • Effort • Noise	1		
Counts number of breaths for 30 seconds and multiply by tow for respirations per minute determines if patient is breathing within normal limits (12–20 adult) (14–24 child) (20-30 infant).	1		(CPI)

Must receive 5 out of 7 points.

Comments: _____

Failure of any of the CPIs is an automatic failure.

Evaluator: _____   NSP ID:_____

PASS   FAIL