

- ✓ Clean stethoscope and cuff as needed
- ✓ Positions cuff & manometer properly

- ✓ Has patient relax arm
- ✓ Palpates artery
- ✓ Ensures stethoscope is open to the diaphragm
- ✓ Positions stethoscope properly
- ✓ Does not allow anything to touch stethoscope tubing
- ✓ Inflates with proper pressure
- ✓ Releases pressure slowly & steadily
- ✓ Deflates cuff completely

13. Explain how to ensure patient safety (side rails returned, restraints replaced, sharps disposed of, bedside table returned, patient has call light, tubings not pinched...) **

14. Ask closing question

15. Clean up area

16. Cleans equipment properly for next patient use (cleans cuff if soiled, cleans stethoscope...) **

17. Wash hands **

18. Remove equipment and return to proper place

19. Document properly for a legal record

20. Notify appropriate personnel of outcome - if values out of acceptable range for this patient (physician, nurse, manager...)

21. Knowledge/Comprehension Level

0	1	2	3	NA

Students must pass all critical steps with a score of 2 or 3

ORAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

What is the normal range for the adult temperature? *97.6° F - 99.6° F or 36.5° C - 37.5° C*

1. How is axillary, tympanic & rectal temperature corrected to oral? *Axillary add 1 degree, Tympanic and rectal subtract 1 degree*
2. What could increase temperature? *Exercise, infection, heat exposure, drugs, hypothalamus dysfunction, anesthesia and surgery*
3. What could decrease temperature? *Cold exposure, stroke, head injury, thyroid dysfunction, hypothalamus dysfunction, blood loss, drugs, overwhelming sepsis*
4. What is the normal range for the adult heart rate? *60-100*
5. How long is the heart rate counted before recording? *If regular count for 15 sec then multiply by 4 but if irregular, count for 60 seconds*

6. What could increase heart rate? *Exercise, fear, anxiety/stress, low blood pressure, anemia, fever, hypoxemia, medications, pain, heart dysrhythmias*
7. What could decrease heart rate? *Heart block, athletic condition, hypothermia, severe trauma, medications, cardiac dysrhythmias, severe hypoxia, vagal stimulation, increased ICP*
8. What is the purpose of checking capillary refill? *Assess local perfusion*
9. What is the normal refill time? *Less than 3 seconds*
10. What is the normal range for the adult respiratory rate? *10-20 bpm*
11. What could increase respiratory rate? *exertion, fever, hypoxemia, metabolic acidosis, anxiety, pain*
12. What could decrease respiratory rate? *Head injury, hypothermia, medications, severe MI, drug OD*
13. What is the normal I:E Ratio? *1:2 or 1:3*
14. What is the normal range for the adult blood pressure? *90-120/ 60-80*
15. What will happen to the blood pressure reading if the cuff is too small or too loose? *Too small or too loose, inaccurately high readings,*
16. What will happen to the blood pressure reading if the cuff is too large? *Inaccurately low readings*
17. What could increase the patient's blood pressure? *High systemic vascular resistance, polycythemia, peripheral vasoconstriction*
18. What could decrease the patient's blood pressure? *Left ventricular failure, low blood volume, peripheral vasodilatation.*