

# Seminole Community College EMS Programs

## Needle Chest Decompression for a Newborn/Neonate

### DOT 6 – 1.102

	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
Establishes need for decompression of a Pneumothorax (Signs/Symptoms)		
Verbalizes or performs BSI		
Explains procedure to the patient		
Selects appropriate site for insertion (2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> intercostal space midclavicular, 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> intercostal space midaxillary)		
Performs aseptic cleansing technique		
Inserts catheter/needle at a 90 degree angle on the superior surface of the rib to avoid trauma to the neurovascular bundle		
Continues to insert needle into pleural space, monitors for rush of “air” as it escapes		
Checks flutter valve for proper operation		
Stabilizes catheter to prevent movement		
Continues to monitor for signs/symptoms of a continuing Pneumothorax		
Performs second decompression as needed		
Continues to monitor patient for changes		

<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>		
<b>Attempt</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

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