




Seminole Community College EMS Programs

DEMONSTRATES AN APPROPRIATE TECHNIQUE FOR MEASURING PEDIATRIC VITAL SIGNS

DOT objective:
6-2.94

		Pass	Fail
1.	Assess the Pediatric patient's level of consciousness using the AVPU method and adjusting the techniques for the child's age.		
2.	Assesses the Pediatric patient's airway by head tilt/chin lift, jaw thrust or thumbin mouth/head tilt method.		
3.	Evaluates airway by looking to see if patient, is the airway maintainable with head positioning, suction or airway adjuncts. If the airway is not maintainable, Demonstrate what actions are required. 		
4.	Assesses breathing by looking, listening and feeling for air exchange. 		
5.	Auscultates breath sounds if patient is breathing.		
6.	Evaluates respiratory rate and effort, looks for distress.		
7.	States the appropriate respiratory for the Pediatric & Patient's age group.		
8.	Describes the signs of increased respiratory effort in the Pediatric Patient		
9.	Evaluates the Pediatric Patient's color at various areas of the body.		
10.	Assesses the Pediatric Patient's heart rate and circulation by evaluating the carotid pulse, evaluating peripheral circulation and end organ perfusion (capillary refill, level of consciousness, mental status and urinary output). 		
11.	Obtains an appropriate blood pressure by selecting the proper sized cuff for the Pediatric Patient.		
12.	Feels for peripheral, brachial and femoral pulses.		
13.	Estimates the weight of the child and attempts to confirm with parents or caregiver.		
14.	Measures temperature initially and toward the end of the examination and compares the values obtained.		
15.	Places the Pediatric Patient on a pulse oximetry unit.		
16.	Evaluates blood-oxygen saturation and adjusts airway and		

	ventilation techniques as necessary.		
17.	If possible administers a blood glucose check.		
18.	Evaluates the heart for cardiac dysrhythmias.		

80% pass: 15 of 18

	PASS	FAIL		
		1	2	3
ATTEMPT				

Student signature _____

Instructor signature _____

Comments _____

Updated 2/02