

Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination

SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SEATED PATIENT)

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions	1	
Directs assistant to place/maintain head in the neutral, in-line position	1	
Directs assistant to maintain manual stabilization of the head	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory and circulatory functions in each extremity	1	
Applies appropriately sized extrication collar	1	
Positions the immobilization device behind the patient	1	
Secures the device to the patient's torso	1	
Evaluates torso fixation and adjusts as necessary	1	
Evaluates and pads behind the patient's head as necessary	1	
Secures the patient's head to the device	1	
Verbalizes moving the patient to a long backboard	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	12

CRITICAL CRITERIA

- ____ Failure to immediately direct or take manual stabilization of the head
- ____ Failure to properly apply appropriately sized cervical collar before ordering release of manual stabilization
- ____ Released or ordered release of manual stabilization before it was maintained mechanically
- ____ Manipulated or moved patient excessively causing potential spinal compromise
- ____ Head immobilized to the device **before** device sufficiently secured to the torso
- ____ Device moves excessively up, down, left or right on the patient's torso
- ____ Head immobilization allows for excessive movement
- ____ Torso fixation inhibits chest rise, resulting in respiratory compromise
- ____ Upon completion of immobilization, head is not in a neutral, in-line position
- ____ Failure to reassess motor, sensory and circulatory functions in each extremity after voicing immobilization to the long backboard
- ____ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- ____ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ____ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.