



PACU Skills Checklist

Experience

- 1 - No Experience
- 2 - Limited Experience
- 3 - Proficient (experienced, may need occasional review)
- 4 - Highly Skilled (can function well independently)

Frequency

- 1 - Never Done
- 2 - Rarely Done
- 3 - Occasionally Done
- 4 - Frequently Done

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EXPERIENCE	Experience	Frequency	PULMONARY	Experience	Frequency
Physical Assessment of Body Systems	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Auscultate Breath Sounds	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Pulmonary/Abnormal Breathing	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Recognize Abnormal Breath Sounds (e.g. rales, rhonchi)	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Perform Suctioning	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Implement Appropriate Nursing Intervention for Abnormal Breath Sounds	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
O2 Administration	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Reposition Patient	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Care of Patient with Chest Tube	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Pulmonary Toilet	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Post-Operative Patient Care	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Bronchodilators, Diuretics	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Care of Patient with Tubes/Drains	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Suction, O2	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Cardiovascular	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Airway Insertion/Management	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Operate & Monitor Unit Equipment	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Recognize Abnormal Breathing	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Anesthesia Equipment	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Assess Respiratory Rate, Rhythm, Depth, & Symmetry	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
			Labored, Dyspneic	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
CHARTING			Obstructed	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Computer	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Laryngospasm	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
DARE	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Insufficient Reversal	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
APIE	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4			
SOAPIE	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	PERFORM SUCTIONING		
FOCUS	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Oral	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Discharge Planning	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Nasal	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Utilization Review	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Endotracheal	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Chart Review/Audit	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Tracheal	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
ADMISSION TO PACU					
Initial Assessment	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	POST-OPERATIVE CARE FOR:		
Airway Management	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Thoracic Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Proper Positioning	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Vascular Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Vital Signs	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Orthopedic Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Skin Color, Temp, Turgor	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Neurosurgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Neurological Status	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Tonsillectomy/P.E. Tubes	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
			Major Abdominal Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT OF BODY SYSTEMS			ENT Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Respiratory	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Breast Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Cardiovascular	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Genitourinary Surgery		
Neurologic	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Hypospadias	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Gastrointestinal	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Circumcision	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Genitourinary	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Gynecological Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Integumentary	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Post-Angiogram	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Monitor Recovery of Patient From:	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Liver Biopsy	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
General Anesthesia	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Eye Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Regional Anesthesia	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	Cardiac Surgery	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Local Anesthesia	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4			

Care of Patient with: TUBES/DRAINS

Penrose Drain				
Salem	1	2	3	4
Sump	1	2	3	4
Davol				
Colostomy	1	2	3	4
Jejunostomy	1	2	3	4
Ileostomy				
Jackson Pratt	1	2	3	4
T-Tube	1	2	3	4
Foley Catheter				
Urethral	1	2	3	4
Suprapubic	1	2	3	4
Cystotomy	1	2	3	4
NG Tube	1	2	3	4

O2 ADMINISTRATION

Face-trach Mask	1	2	3	4
Nasal Cannula	1	2	3	4
T-Piece	1	2	3	4
ETT Mechanical Ventilator	1	2	3	4
Care of Patient with: CHEST TUBE	1	2	3	4
Set-up Closed Drainage System	1	2	3	4
Recognize Air Leak	1	2	3	4
Assess for Subcutaneous Emphysema	1	2	3	4
Measure Drainage	1	2	3	4
Troubleshoot Problems	1	2	3	4

ANESTHESIA EQUIPMENT

Blood Warmer	1	2	3	4
BP Monitor	1	2	3	4
Dinamap	1	2	3	4
Omeda	1	2	3	4
Defibrillator	1	2	3	4
SAO2 Monitor	1	2	3	4
Nitrogen Controls				
Tanks	1	2	3	4
Wall Units	1	2	3	4
Thermia Blankets	1	2	3	4

CARDIOVASCULAR

Placement & Care of a Patient on a Cardiac Monitor	1	2	3	4
Arrhythmia Analysis	1	2	3	4
Cardioversion & Defibrillation	1	2	3	4
Assist with Insertion of Temporary Pacemaker	1	2	3	4
Care of Patient with Permanent/Temporary Pacemaker	1	2	3	4
Use of Non-Invasive Temporary Pacing Equipment	1	2	3	4
Care of Patient with Intravascular Hemodynamic Monitoring Equipment:				
Pulmonary Artery Catheters	1	2	3	4
Arterial Catheters	1	2	3	4
Swan-Ganz Catheters	1	2	3	4
Central Venous Catheters	1	2	3	4
Subclavian Lines	1	2	3	4
Epidural Catheters	1	2	3	4
Hemodynamic Monitoring:				
Equipment Maintenance	1	2	3	4
Dressing Changes	1	2	3	4
Prevention of Complications	1	2	3	4
Leveling Waveform Analysis	1	2	3	4
Obtain & Interpret:				
Cardiac Output	1	2	3	4
PA Pressure	1	2	3	4
PCWP/PAWP	1	2	3	4
CVP	1	2	3	4
LAP	1	2	3	4
Identify Usual Dosage, Actions & Side Effects for:				
Antiarrhythmics	1	2	3	4
Inotropes	1	2	3	4
Vasopressors	1	2	3	4
Vasodilators	1	2	3	4
Reversal Agents	1	2	3	4
Muscle Relaxants	1	2	3	4
Betablockers	1	2	3	4
Calcium Channel Blockers	1	2	3	4
Inhalation Agents	1	2	3	4
Calculate Infusion Rates in Dosages Ordered	1	2	3	4
Interpret Blood Lab Values for:				
Electrolyte Imbalances/ ABG's	1	2	3	4

OPERATE & MONITOR UNIT EQUIPMENT

Portable Suction Machine	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Transport Monitor	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Automatic BP Monitor	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Blanket Warmer/Bear Hugger	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Sequential Compression Device	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Pulse Oximeter	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Pee Wee Weighing Scale	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Hyper/Hypothermia Blanket	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Blood Warmer	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
PACU Stretcher	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
IV Pumps	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Invasive Pressure Monitors	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Implements Physician Orders	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Collaborate with Surgeon & Anesthesiologist with Regard to Patient Care	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Utilizes Appropriate Infection Control Measures	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Practice Universal Precautions	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Document Interventions, Outcomes, Lab Studies, MD Notifications & Follow-up Care	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Perform a Discharge Physical Assessment:								
Level of Consciousness	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Pupillary Reactions	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Motor & Sensory Function	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Muscular Strength (eg: Hand grasps, Head lift)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

AGE SPECIFIC COMPETENCY

Neonates/Newborns (birth - 30 days)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Infants (30 days - 1 year)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Toddler (1 - 3 years)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Preschooler (3 - 5 years)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Older Children (5 - 12 years)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Adolescents (12 - 18 years)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Young Adults (18 - 39 years)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Middle Adults (39 - 64 years)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Older Adults/Geriatrics (64+ Years)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

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