

Candidate: _____ Date: _____

ID#: _____

Skill Drill 8-3 Administration of Nitroglycerin

Task: Administer nitroglycerin.					
Performance Observations: The candidate shall be able to correctly administer nitroglycerin.					
Candidate Directive: "Properly administer nitroglycerin."					
No.	Task Steps	First Test		Retest	
		P	F	P	F
1.	Verify medical direction authorization. Take the patient's blood pressure. Administer nitroglycerin only if the systolic blood pressure is greater than 100 mm Hg.				
2.	Check the medication and expiration date. Question the patient about the last dose he or she took and its effects. Make sure that the patient understands the route of administration. Prepare to have the patient lie down to prevent fainting.				
3.	Ask the patient to lift his or her tongue. Place the tablet or spray the dose underneath the tongue or have the patient do so. Have the patient keep his or her mouth closed with the tablet under the tongue until it is dissolved and absorbed. Caution the patient against chewing or swallowing the tablet.				
4.	Recheck blood pressure within 5 minutes. Record each medication and the time of administration. Reevaluate the chest pain and repeat treatment if necessary.				
Retest Approved By: _____				Retest Evaluation: _____	

Evaluator Comments: _____

Candidate Comments: _____

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