Skill Drill 21-9 Applying a Hare Traction Splint

**Task:** Apply a Hare traction splint.

**Performance Observations:** The candidate shall be able to correctly apply a Hare traction splint.

**Candidate Directive:** “Properly apply a Hare traction splint.”

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Expose the injured limb and check pulse, motor, and sensory function. Place the splint beside the uninjured limb, adjust the splint to the proper length, and prepare the straps.</td>
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<td>Support the injured limb as your partner fastens the ankle hitch about the foot and ankle.</td>
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<td>Continue to support the limb as your partner applies gentle in-line traction to the ankle hitch and foot.</td>
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<td>Slide the splint into position under the injured limb.</td>
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<td>Pad the groin and fasten the ischial strap.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Connect the loops of the ankle hitch to the end of the splint as your partner continues to maintain traction. Carefully tighten the ratchet to the point that the splint holds adequate traction.</td>
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<td>Secure and check support straps. Assess pulse, motor, and sensory functions.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Secure the patient and splint to the backboard in a way that will prevent movement of the splint during patient movement and transport.</td>
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