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Skill Drill 21-10 Applying a Sager Traction Splint

Task: Apply a Sager traction splint.					
Performance Observations: The candidate shall be able to correctly apply a Sager traction splint.					
Candidate Directive: "Properly apply a Sager traction splint."					
No.	**Task Steps**	**First Test**		**Retest**	
		P	F	P	F
1.	After exposing the injured area, check the patient's pulse and motor and sensory function. Adjust the thigh strap so that it lies anteriorly when secured.				
2.	Estimate the proper length of the splint by placing it next to the injured limb. Fit the ankle pads to the ankle.				
3.	Place the splint at the inner thigh, apply the thigh strap at the upper thigh, and secure snugly.				
4.	Tighten the ankle harness just above the ankle bone. Snug the cable ring against the bottom of the foot.				
5.	Extend the splint's inner shaft to apply traction to a maximum of 15 lb or approximately 10% of body weight. Stop when the injured leg is the same length as the uninjured leg or the patient feels relief.				
6.	Secure the splint with elasticized cravats.				
7.	Secure the patient to a long backboard. Check pulse, motor, and sensory functions.				
Retest Approved By:		Retest Evaluation:			

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