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Skill Drill 28-1 Spiking the Bag

Task: Spike the bag.					
Performance Observations: The candidate shall be able to correctly spike the bag.					
Candidate Directive: "Properly spike the bag."					
No.	**Task Steps**	**First Test**		**Retest**	
		P	F	P	F
1.	Remove the rubber pigtail found on the end of the IV bag by pulling on it. Remove the protective cover from the piercing spike.				
2.	Slide the spike into the IV bag port until you see fluid enter the drip chamber.				
3.	Allow the solution to run freely through the drip chamber and into the tubing to prime the line and flush the air out of the tubing.				
4.	Twist the protective cover on the opposite end of the IV tubing to allow air to escape. Remove the cover. Let the fluid flow until air bubbles are removed from the line before turning the roller clamp wheel to stop the flow. Replace the cover.				
5.	Check the drip chamber; it should be only half filled. If the fluid level is too low, squeeze the chamber until it fills; if the chamber is too full, invert the bag and the chamber and squeeze the chamber to empty the fluid back into the bag. Hang the bag in the appropriate location with the end of the IV tubing easily accessible.				
Retest Approved By:		Retest Evaluation:			

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