



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®  
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

**BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC PATIENT & SUPRAGLOTTIC AIRWAY DEVICE**

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If candidate elects to initially ventilate with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen, full credit must be awarded for steps denoted by “\*\*\*” so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.

Actual Time Started: \_\_\_\_\_

		Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions.		1	
Checks responsiveness	NOTE: After checking responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs the candidate, “The patient is unresponsive And apneic.”	1	
Checks breathing		1	
Requests additional EMS assistance		1	
Checks pulse for at least 4 but no more than 10 seconds		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, “You palpate a weak carotid pulse at a rate of 60.”			
Opens airway properly		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, “The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus.”			
Prepares rigid suction catheter		1	
Turns on power to suction device or retrieves manual suction device		1	
Inserts rigid suction catheter without applying suction		1	
Suctions the mouth and oropharynx		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, “The mouth and oropharynx are clear.”			
Opens the airway manually		1	
Inserts oropharyngeal airway		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, “No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct.”			
**Ventilates the patient immediately using BVM device unattached to oxygen [**Award this point if candidate elects to ventilate initially with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.]		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.			
Re-checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds		1	
Attaches the BVM assembly [mask, bag, reservoir] to oxygen [15 L/minute]		1	
Ventilates the patient adequately -Proper volume to make chest rise (1 point) -Proper rate [10 – 12/minute but not to exceed 12/minute] (1 point)		2	
NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, “How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?”			
NOTE: After 30 seconds, examiner auscultates and reports breath sounds are present and equal bilaterally and medical direction has ordered insertion of a supraglottic airway. The examiner must now take over ventilation.			
Directs assistant to pre-oxygenate patient		1	
Checks/prepares supraglottic airway device		1	
Lubricates distal tip of the device [may be verbalized]		1	
NOTE: Examiner to remove OPA and move out of the way when candidate is prepared to insert device.			
Positions head properly		1	
Performs a tongue-jaw lift		1	
Inserts device to proper depth		1	
Secures device in patient [inflates cuffs with proper volumes and immediately removes syringe or secures strap]		1	
Ventilates patient and confirms proper ventilation [correct lumen and proper insertion depth] by auscultation bilaterally over lungs and over epigastrium		1	
Adjusts ventilation as necessary [ventilates through additional lumen or slightly withdraws tube until ventilation is optimized]		1	
Verifies proper tube placement by secondary confirmation such as capnography, capnometry, EDD or colorimetric device		1	
NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, “How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?”			
Secures device or confirms that the device remains properly secured		1	
Ventilates patient at proper rate and volume while observing capnography/capnometry and pulse oximeter		1	

Actual Time Ended: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL 29

## Critical Criteria

- \_\_\_\_\_ After suctioning the patient, failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds after taking body substance isolation precautions or interrupts ventilations for greater than 20 seconds at a time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to suction airway **before** ventilating the patient
- \_\_\_\_\_ Suctions the patient for an excessive and prolonged time
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to check responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to check pulse for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to ventilate the patient at a rate of 10-12/minute
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to pre-oxygenate patient prior to insertion of the supraglottic airway device
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to insert the supraglottic airway device at a proper depth or location within 3 attempts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to inflate cuffs properly and immediately remove the syringe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to secure the strap (if present) prior to cuff inflation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to confirm that patient is being ventilated properly (correct lumen and proper insertion depth) by auscultation bilaterally over lungs and over epigastrium
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insertion or use of any adjunct in a manner dangerous to the patient
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on this form.