PRACTICAL SKILLS EVALUATION

EMT-MINING

Baseline Vital Signs

Student Name _____
(Print)

SKILL		Points Possible	Points Awarded
Base Line	Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
	Using two fingers, candidate slides fingertips to the proximal point where the wrist bends and palpates the radial pulse. Times for 30 sec and multiplies X 2 (within + or - 6)	1	
	If unable to palpate the radial pulse, candidate must demonstrate the location of the carotid pulse	1	
	Evaluates the patients respiratory count for 30 sec and multiplies X 2	1	
	Evaluates the patients blood pressure by choosing the appropriate size cuff	1	
	Palpate the brachial pulse	1	
	Properly positions the blood pressure cuff on the patient (Lower edge is 2.5 cm above the point the brachial pulse was palpated)	1	
	Candidate places the head of the stethoscope over the location of the brachial artery distal to the blood pressure cuff	1	
	Closes the valve and inflates the cuff until the evaluator cannot feel the radial pulse (Student should be instructed to inflate an additional 30 mmHg and stop)	1	
	The pressure is released while the candidate and evaluator listen.	1	
	Note the number when the first heart beats are heard (within 6)	1	
	Note the number when the heart beats are no longer heard (within 6)	1	
	TOTAL POINTS	12	

Critical Criteria: Failure to complete more than one of the following will result in failing this skill station

_____Did not take, or verbalize body substance isolation precautions when necessary
_____Failed to locate the radial pulse and count it properly
_____Fails to properly demonstrate the location of the carotid pulse
_____Fails to apply the appropriate BP cuff
_____Demonstrates improper placement of BP cuff

Instructor Signature_____

Student Signature_____

Date_____