



**CRITICAL CARE NURSE SKILLS CHECKLIST**

Please enter your full legal name as it appears on your Social Security Card.

**First Name:**

**Last Name:**

**Date:**

**Last 4 digits of your SS#:**

**Job Description: Staff Nurse - RN - ICU/CCU**

Provides professional nursing care for assigned patients in the critical/coronary care unit. RN to assess, evaluates, assesses and documents the nursing process as needed. Education requires a minimum of an associate's degree and is licensed as a registered nurse with at least 2 years of clinical experience. Must be familiar with standard concepts, practices, and procedures within the critical care nursing field. Performs a variety of tasks. Works under general supervision; typically reports to a supervisor and/or manager. A certain degree of creativity and latitude is required.

**KEY: For each criteria**

**Score 1: Two plus years Expert Experience**

**Score 2: One-Two Years Current Experience**

**Score 3: Less than one year or Intermittent Experience**

**Score 4: Theory, no experience**

Procedure / Skill	SCORE			
	1	2	3	4
<b>CARDIOVASCULAR</b>				
Assessment:				
Admin of fluids on continuous pumps, blood and blood products				
Arrhythmia analysis Heart sounds/murmurs				
Pulse/Circulation Checks				
Cardioversion monitoring				
Care of Patients:				
Cardiogenic/hypovolemic shock				
Congestive Heart Failure				
Acute Myocardial infarction				
AAA Repair				
Cardiogenic Shock				
Cardiac Tamponade				
Acute Coronary Syndrome				
Intra-Aortic				
TPA or Streptokinase				
Post Interventional Cath Lab Procedure				
Patient with overdose				
PTCA				
Vascular Disease				
Pre and post angioplasty patient				
Open Heart Surgery -Immediate-Post				
Open Heart Transplant				
Pacemaker Insertion & Management				
Central Venous Catheters, Subclavian lines epidural cath				
Post-op arterial catheters				
Post-op pulmonary artery catheters				
Equipment & Procedures:				
Hemodynamic monitoring: Cardiac Index Systemic Vascular Resistance				
Hemodynamic monitoring: Cardiac Output				
Hemodynamic monitoring: Leveling Waveform Analysis				

Open Chest Emergency	
Pericardiocentesis	
Traneseophageal Echocardiogram	
Carioversion	
SVO <sub>2</sub> Monitoring	
PA Catheter/SG Insertion/Removal	
O/I hemodynamic measurement: Cardiac index systemic vascular	
O/I hemodynamic measurement: Cardiac Output	
O/I hemodynamic measurement: CVP	
O/I hemodynamic measurement: PA Pressure	
O/I hemodynamic measurement: PCW	
Placement of 12 Lead EKG	
Interpreting a 12 Lead EKG	
Femoral Artery Sheath Removal	
Pacemaker – Transthoracic	
Preparation and calculation of dosages of IV drip medications	
Preparation, dosage, and administration of emergency drugs	
Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump	
Swan Ganz (Tranducer set-up)	
Ultrasonic Doppler	
Medications:	
Antiarrhythmics	
Argatroban	
Atropine	
Betablockers	
Bicarbonate	
Calcium Channel Blockers	
Digoxin	
Dobutamine	
Dopamine	
Heparin/Coumadin	
Integrilin	
Magnesium	
Nitroprusside	
Nitroglycerine	
Thrombolytics	
Vasopressin	
<b>ENDOCRINE/METABOLIC</b>	
Assessment:	
Blood/Urine Glucose	
Care Of Patients:	
Diabetic Ketoacidosis	
Diabetic Mellitus	
Insulin Shock	
Adrenal Gland Disorder	
Pituitary Gland Disorders	
Equipment & Procedures:	
Blood Glucose Monitoring	
Medications:	
Insulin/Insulin Drip	
<b>GASTROINTESTINAL</b>	

Assessment:	
Bowel Sounds	
Nutritional Status	
Care of Patients:	
Bowel Obstruction	
Colostomy/Ileostomy	
Trauma	
ERCP	
GI Bleeding	
GI Surgery	
Hepatitis	
Inflammatory Bowel Disease (i.e. Crohns)	
Liver Failure	
Pre/Post Liver Transplant	
Pancreatitis	
Equipment & Procedures:	
G Tube/J Tube Care	
T Tube Care	
Tube Feedings	
Balloon Tamponade	
Serum Ammonia/Amylase/LFT's	
TPN/Lipids	
Ice Saline Lavage	
Medications:	
Aquamephyton	
Inderal	
Kayexelate	
Lactulose	
<b>GENITOURINARY/ RENAL</b>	
Assessment:	
Fluid and Electrolyte Balances	
AV Fistula/Shunt	
Care of Patients with:	
Nephrectomy	
Renal Transplant	
Renal Rejection	
Acute Renal Failure	
CVVH/CVVHD	
Hemodialysis	
Peritoneal Dialysis	
Acute Hepatitis	
TPN	
Enterostomal care	
Equipment & Procedures:	
Assisting with gastroscopy	
Administration of fluid, blood and blood products	
Bladder Catheter Insert - Irrigation	
Suprapubic Catheter	
Lab Result Interpretation:	
BUN/Creatine/Electrolytes	
<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASE</b>	

Assessment:	
Interpretation of Culture Results	
Care Of Patients:	
MRSA	
VRE	
Septic Shock	
Specific Organ Infection	
Equipment & Procedures:	
Culture	
Medications:	
Aminoglycosides	
Antifungal	
Cephalosporin	
Xigris	
<b>IV THERAPY / PHLEBOTOMY</b>	
Care Of Patients:	
A Lines	
CVP Lines	
PA Lines	
PICC Lines	
Tunneled Lines	
Equipment & Procedures:	
Blood Products	
Starting IV's	
<b>NEUROLOGICAL</b>	
Assessment of:	
Neurological signs	
Pathologic Reflexes	
Glasgow Coma Scale	
Care of patient with:	
Carotid Endarterectomy	
CNS infections	
Cerebral Aneurysm	
CVA	
Degenerative Diseases of the Nervous System	
Closed Head Trauma	
Coma	
Increased ICP/ICP Monitoring	
Post Cranial Surgery	
Spinal Cord Trauma/Injury	
Unconscious	
CNS infections/Meningitis	
Post Craniotomy	
Equipment & Procedures:	
Crutchfield tongs	
Halo traction	
Hypo/Hyperthermia Blanket	
Assist with Lumbar Puncture	
Seizure Precautions	

Spinal Precautions	
Medications:	
Haldol (Haloperidol)	
Dilantin (Pehnoytoin)	
Narcotic Analgesics	
Morphine	
Ativan	
Nimbex (Cisatracurium)	
Succinylcholine	
Barbiturate Coma-Titration to Maintain	
<b>PULMONARY</b>	
Assessment of:	
Respiratory System Breath sounds, Rate & Work of Breathing	
ABG analysis mixed venous ABG analysis	
Airway Management:	
Ambu bag & mask techniques	
Establishing an airway	
Peak flow measurements	
Face Mask/Nasal Cannula	
Intubation/Extubation	
Nitric Oxide	
Assisting with bronchoscopy	
Assisting with chest tube insertion care and maintenance	
Suction of Endotracheal Tube	
Respiratory Intervention & Complications:	
Emergency Trach	
Thoracentesis	
Laryngospasm	
Aspiration	
Tension Pneumothorax	
Care of patient with:	
COPD	
ARDS	
Acute Pneumonia	
Asthma	
Thoracotomy/Lobectomy/Pneumonectomy	
Tracheostomy	
Chest Trauma	
Inhalation injury	
Pulmonary Embolism	
Pulmonary Edema	
Lung Transplant	
Intubate patient	
Equipment & Procedures:	
Bronchoscopy	
Chest Tube Placement & Management	
Continuous O2 Sat and CO2 monitoring equipment	
Administration of nebulizer medication	
Administration of various forms of oxygen	
Weaning patient off the ventilator	
Ventilation: PC, AC, SIMV, CPAP	

Medications:	
Albuterol	
Atrovent	
Corticosteroids	

<b>WOUND MANAGEMENT</b>
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Assessment:	
Skin Condition for Impending Breakdown	
Wound Healing	
Care Of Patients:	
Burns (1st, 2nd Degree)	
Burns – 3rd Degree	
Decubitus Ulcers – Staged	
Surgical Wound sites- Drains	

Equipment & Procedures:	
Culture	

<b>Other/Misc.</b>
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Pain Management Assessment of Pain Levels –without intervention	
Pain Management Response Assessment with intervention	
Experience: Charge Duty	
Experience: Preceptor	
Experience with Computerized Charting Name Software Used:	

<b>AGE SPECIFIC CARE</b>
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Please indicate the frequency with which you provide care for each age group in this specialty area.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Infant (Birth to 1 year)				
Toddler (1-3 years)				
Pre-school (3-6 years)				
School Age (6-12 years)				
Adolescent ( 12-18 years)				
Young Adult ( 18-30 years)				
Mature Adult (30-60 years)				
Elderly (>60 years)				

<b>YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BY SPECIALTY</b>
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Please Enter number of Years in the following Specialties	
Medical Years:	
Surgical Years:	
Cardio Vascular Years:	
Cardiac Surgical (No Open Heart) Years:	
Cardiac Surgery (Open Heart) Years:	
Neuro Years:	
PACU Years:	

Cath Lab Years:
Burn Years:
Other: Years:

**JCAHO:** I acknowledge and understand JCAHO's list of "Do Not Use Abbreviations" :

**JCAHO:** I acknowledge and understand JCAHO's "National Patient Safety Goals" :

The information I have given is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and fully understand the job description. By signing below or submitting electronically, I attest that the information provided within this skills checklist represents a full and complete disclosure of information, and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby authorize Sagent Healthstaff to release this skills checklist to client facilities for employment purposes.

I agree with the above statements. :

Signature: (please type your full name) :

Date:

