



PICU SKILLS CHECKLIST

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

First Name:

Last Name:

Date:

Job Description: Pediatric Intensive Care Registered Nurse

Provides professional nursing care for assigned patients in the pediatric intensive care unit. Performs assessments, evaluation 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 as it applies to pediatric population. Performs a variety of tasks and demonstrates critical thinking skills and scientific judgment. 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

CRITERIA	SCORE			
	1	2	3	4
1. NEUROLOGICAL				
<i>Assessment</i>				
a. Level of consciousness				
b. Fontanels				
c. Pupil size and Response				
d. Intracranial Pressure Monitoring				
e. Assist with lumbar puncture				
f. ICP monitoring				
<i>Care of the child with</i>				
Closed head trauma				
a. Reye's syndrome				
b. Encephalitis				
c. Febrile seizures				
d. Meningitis				
e. Multiple sclerosis				
f. Spina Bifida				
g. Near drowning				
h. Coma				
i. Post neurosurgery				
j. Spinal cord injury				
k. Status epilepticus				
<i>Medications</i>				
a. Clonopin (Clonazepam)				
b. Corticosteroids				
c. Dilantin (Phenytoin)				
d. Phenobarbital				
e. Tegretol (Carbamazepine)				
f. Valium (Diazepam)				
2. CARDIOVASCULAR				
<i>Assessment</i>				
a. Auscultation (rate, rhythm, volume)				

b. Blood pressure/non-invasive	
c. Heart sounds/murmurs	
d. Perfusion	
e. Central Venous Pressure	
f. Non-invasive Cardiac Monitoring	
g. Pulmonary Artery/Capillary Wedge	
h. Invasive Hemodynamic Monitoring	
i. Arterial blood gases	
j. Hemoglobin & hematocrit	
k. Equipment & procedures	
l. Basic EKG interpretation	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Bacterial endocarditis	
b. Cardiac arrest	
c. Cardiomyopathy	
d. Congenital heart defects/disease	
e. Congestive heart failure	
f. Hypovolemic shock	
g. Pericarditis	
h. Post cardiac cath	
i. Post cardiac surgery	
j. Rheumatic fever	
k. Tracheoesophageal fistula	
l. Cardiac Transplant	
m. Post Cardiac surgery	
n. Post interventional Cardiac Cath	
<i>Medications</i>	
a. Digoxin (Lanoxin)	
b. Dobutamine (Dobutrex)	
c. Dopamine (Intropin)	
d. Epinephrine (Adrenaline)	
e. Nipride (Nitropursside)	
f. Nitroglycerine (Tridil)	
g. Sodium Bicarbonate	
3. ORTHOPEDICS	
Equipment and Procedures	
Specialized Orthopedic Bed	
Application of splints	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Pinned fractures	
b. Traction	
c. Clubfoot	
d. Neuromuscular disease	
e. Osteomyelitis	
f. Post vertebral surgery	
g. Cervical Traction	
4. GASTROINTESTINAL	
<i>Assessment</i>	
a. Abdominal	
b. Nutritional	
<i>Procedures</i>	
a. Central hyperalimentation	

b. Gavage	
c. Peripheral hyperalimantation	
d. Gastrostomy/button	
e. I-tubes	
f. Jejunal feeding	
g. NG and sump tubes to suction	
h. Placement of naso/orogastric tube	
i. Wound irrigation/dressing change	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Gastroenteritis/Severe Dehydration	
b. Cleft lip/palate	
c. Colostomy	
d. Pancreatitis	
e. Post Abdominal Surgery	
f. Stress Ulcer	
g. Diaphragmatic hernia	
h. Failure to thrive (FTT)	
i. GE reflux	
j. GI bleeding	
k. Ileostomy	
l. Intestinal parasites	
m. Pyloric stenosis	
n. Ulcerative colitis	
o. Bowel obstruction	
5. PULMONARY	
<i>Assessment</i>	
a. Breath sounds	
b. Rate and work of breathing	
<i>Equipment & Procedures</i>	
a. Airway management devices/suctioning	
b. Bulb syringe	
c. Tracheostomy/suctioning	
d. Assist with Intubation	
e. Endotracheal Tube Suctioning	
f. In-Line Suction	
g. Open ET Catheter Suction	
h. Extubation	
i. Nasal Airway/Suctioning	
j. Oral Airway/Suctioning	
k. Apnea monitor	
l. Chest physiotherapy	
m. Obtaining Blood Gases	
Arterial	
Heelstick	
Peripheral	
n. Chest tubes	
Insertion	
Removal	
Set-up	
o. ECMO	
p. End tidal CO2	
q. Oximeter	

r. Oxygen therapy delivery systems	
Face mask	
Oxyhood	
Isolette	
Nasal cannula	
Tent	
Trach collar	
s. Vent Care	
t. CPAP/PEEP	
u. High Frequency Jet Ventilator	
v. IMV	
w. Pressure Ventilator	
x. Volume Ventilator	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Asthma	
b. Bronchiolitis (RSV)	
c. Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD)	
d. Cystic fibrosis	
e. Epiglottitis	
f. LTB/croup	
g. Pertussis	
h. Pneumonia	
i. Tonsillitis	
j. Tuberculosis	
k. Respiratory Failure	
l. Foreign Body Aspiration	
m. Fresh Tracheostomy	
<i>Medications</i>	
a. Alupent (Metaproteranol)	
b. Aminophylline (Theophylline)	
c. Isuprel (Isoproterenol)	
d. Ventolin (Albuterol)	
6. INFECTIOUS DISEASES	
a. CBC/Differential	
b. Culture Reports	
c. Collect Culture Specimens	
d. Isolation Techniques	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Cytomegalo Virus	
b. HIV/AIDS	
c. Septic Shock	
d. Tuberculosis	
e. Common childhood - communicable diseases	
7. MISCELLANEOUS	
<i>Assessment</i>	
a. Normal growth and development	
b. Normal laboratory values	
c. Recognize signs of abuse or neglect	
d. Medication - immunization schedule	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Anorexia/bulimia	
b. Craniofacial reconstruction	

c. Depression	
d. ENT surgery	
e. Eye surgery	
f. Ingestion of foreign body	
g. Ingestion of poison or toxins	
h. Plastic surgery	
i. Suicidal threats/actions	
8. WOUND MANAGEMENT	
<i>Assessment</i>	
a. Skin for impending breakdown	
b. Stasis ulcers	
c. Surgical wound healing	
<i>Equipment & procedures</i>	
a. 1st degree burns (throughout body)	
b. 2nd degree burns	
c. 3rd degree burns	
d. Pressure sores	
e. Staged decubitus ulcers	
f. Sterile dressing changes	
g. Surgical wounds with drain(s)	
h. Traumatic wound care	
i. Use of air fluidized, low airloss beds	
j. Wound care/irrigations	
9. PAIN MANAGEMENT	
Assessment of pain level/tolerance	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Epidural anesthesia/analgesia	
b. IV conscious sedation	
c. Narcotic analgesia	
10. HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	
Assessment of nutritional status	
<i>Interpretation of lab results</i>	
a. Serum electrolytes	
b. Blood chemistry	
c. Blood counts	
<i>Equipment & procedures</i>	
a. Reverse isolation	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Anemia	
b. Depressed immune system	
c. Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)	
d. Hemophilia	
e. Hodgkin's disease	
f. Infectious mononucleosis	
g. Leukemia	
h. Malignant tumors	
I. Sickle cell anemia	
j. Spleen trauma/splenectomy	
<i>Medications</i>	
a. Chemotherapy certification?	
b. Prednisone	
11. PHLEBOTOMY/IV THERAPY	

<i>Equipment & procedures</i>	
a. Administration of blood/blood products	
Cryoprecipitate	
Packed red blood cells	
Whole blood	
b. Drawing blood from central line	
c. Drawing venous blood	
d. Starting IVs	
Angiocath	
Butterfly	
Heparin lock	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Central line/catheter/dressing	
Broviac	
Groshong	
Hickman	
Portacath	
Quinton	
b. Cutdown line/dressing	
c. Peripheral line/dressing	
12. RENAL/GENITOURINARY	
Assessment - fluid balance	
<i>Interpretation of lab results</i>	
a. BUN & creatinine	
b. Urinalysis	
<i>Equipment & procedures</i>	
a. Assist with suprapubic tap	
b. Catheter insertion	
Catheter care	
Female	
Male	
Straight	
Indwelling	
c. Collection of urine specimen	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	
a. Circumcision	
b. Hemodialysis	
c. Hypospadias	
d. Ileal conduit ureteral	
e. Nephrotic syndrome	
f. Peritoneal dialysis	
g. Renal failure	
h. Urinary tract infection	
i. Wilm's tumor	
13. ENDOCRINE/METABOLIC	
Assessment	
<i>Interpretation of lab results</i>	
a. Blood glucose	
b. Thyroid studies	
<i>Equipment & procedures</i>	
a. Blood glucose testing: type	
<i>Care of the child with</i>	

a. Adrenal disorders	
b. Cushing's syndrome	
c. Juvenile diabetes	
d. Pituitary disorders	
e. Thyroid malfunction	
<i>Medications</i>	
a. Growth hormone	
b. Insulin	
c. Thyroid	

AGE SPECIFIC CARE				
Please indicate the frequency with which you provide care for each age group in this specialty area.	1	2	3	4
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)				

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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: