



GLOBAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL REGISTRY

Blood Glucose Assessment Skill Documentation Form

Candidate (Print): _____ Date: _____

Examiner (Instructor or Licensed Provider): _____

Examiner Signature: _____

Pass _____ Fail _____

Task	Correct	Incorrect
Use appropriate PPE		
Prepare Glucometer		
Ensures the glucometer is calibrated		
Ready glucometer for testing using manufacturer's recommendation		
Open and insert new testing strip		
Select site - Fingertip or pad of finger		
Prepare site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure skin is not broken or bleeding • Massage finger to be used from palm up (if needed and applicable) • Cleanse area vigorously with alcohol prep pad 		
Perform Puncture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grasp finger to be sampled firmly below pad • Do not occlude circulation • Perform puncture with lancet, Quickly and firmly • Sides of finger pads are less sensitive than pads themselves • Dispose of sharp immediately into appropriate container 		
Apply drop of blood to glucometer strip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure glucometer is "On" and blood is applied to glucometer strip • If blood flow is limited, "milk" finger by slowly squeezing from palm to site • Do not squeeze skin surrounding puncture site 		
Watch for glucometer response after blood is applied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should begin to count down when a sufficient sample is obtained • May display error message, follow manufacturer's recommendations 		
Control bleeding - Apply adhesive bandage or ask patient to pinch small piece of gauze		
Obtain reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record value in patient documentation. • Does reading make sense given the patient's clinical condition? • Consider assessing at another puncture site if value seems suspicious 		



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Critical Failure Criteria

	Failure to obtain BGL within a 3-minute time limit
	Failure to take appropriate PPE precautions prior to performing venipuncture
	Contaminates equipment or site without appropriately correcting the situation
	Failure to properly dispose of blood-contaminated sharps immediately in proper container at the point of use
	Failure to manage the patient as a competent provider
	Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
	Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

NOTE: You must factually document any “incorrect” or critical failure criteria on back of this form

Reference: American Diabetes Association, Using a Blood Glucose Meter, diabetes.org