

External Jugular Cannulation Skill Sheet		Possible Points	Points Awarded
Checks selected IV fluid for proper fluid, clarity and expiration date.	3		
Sets up equipment and prepares infusion set.	3		
Places patient supine and elevates legs to distend vein and reduce risk for air embolism.	1		
Uses body substance isolation precautions.	2		
Turns patient head toward the opposite side.	1		
Identifies proper anatomical site for venipuncture.	4		
Prepares site with antiseptic solution.	3		
Performs venipuncture: -Pull tension on vein just above the clavicle. (1 point) -Inserts stylet (1 point) -Notes or verbalizes flashback (1 point) -Occludes vein proximal to catheter (1 point) -Removes stylet (1 point) -Covers the cannula orifice at all times to prevent air embolism. (1 point)	6		
Connects IV tubing to catheter.	3		
Ensures patency of infusion.	5		
Secures catheter	3		
Adjusts flow rate.	2		
Properly disposes of stylet.	1		
Places antibiotic ointment over venipuncture site.	1		
Dresses venipuncture site with sterile dressing.	1		
Securely tapes catheter and IV tubing in place.	1		
TOTAL SCORE	40		

Critical Criteria

- _____ Failure to establish a patent infusion within 6 minutes.
- _____ Failure to take body substance isolation precautions prior to venipuncture.
- _____ Contaminates equipment or site without appropriately correcting the situation.
- _____ Any improper technique resulting in the potential for air embolism or catheter shear.
- _____ Inserts catheter against flow of blood.
- _____ Failure to successfully establish an IV within 3 attempts during the 6 minute time limit.
- _____ Failure to assure correct catheter placement before attaching administration set.
- _____ Failure to dispose of sharps in proper container.
- _____ Failure to properly suture and dress the incision.