

**IV Approval
Peripheral Intravenous Therapy Skill Sheet**

Student _____ Evaluator _____

Date _____ Start time _____ End Time _____

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes appropriate BSI precautions	1	
Identifies the need for the IV Identifies the need for blood samples	2	
Explains procedures to the patient	1	
Asked for known allergies	1	
Checks selected IV fluid for: • Proper fluid (1 point) • Clarity (1 point) • Expiration date (1 point)	3	
Selects appropriate catheter	1	
Selects proper administration set	1	
Connects IV tubing to the IV bag	1	
Prepares administration set (fills drip chamber and flushes tubing)	1	
Cuts or tears tape (at any time before venipuncture)	1	
Applies tourniquet	1	
Palpates suitable vein	1	
Cleanses site appropriately	1	
Performs venipuncture: (1 point each) • Correct angle/direction • Notes or verbalizes flashback • Advances the catheter • Occludes vein proximal to insertion site • Removes stylet and disposes of needle in sharps container • Attaches vacutainer barrel to the IV catheter via luer lock adapter • Fills blood tubes as indicated • Gently inverts tubes with additives repeatedly • Disposes/verbalizes disposal of needle in proper container • Connects IV tubing	10	
Releases tourniquet	1	
Runs IV for brief period to assure patent line	1	
Examines site for inflammation and infiltration	1	
Secures catheter (tapes securely or verbalizes)	1	
Adjusts flow rate as appropriate	1	
Demonstrates correct technique in stopping IV therapy and the removal of IV catheter	1	
Total	32	

Critical Criteria

- _____ Did not take body substance precautions
- _____ Exceeded the 10 minute time limit in establishing a patent and properly adjust IV
- _____ Contaminates equipment or site without appropriately correcting situation
- _____ Any improper technique resulting in the potential for catheter shear or air embolism
- _____ Failure to successfully establish IV within 3 attempts
- _____ Failure to dispose of needle in proper container
- _____ Failure to clean/dress the IV site after discontinuation and removal of catheter