

Phlebotomy Practical Grading Criteria

Before beginning make sure all necessary supplies are organized: Make sure all necessary supplies are within reach before beginning venipuncture. Be sure to wear gloves and lab coat buttoned up.

Introduction: Introduce yourself

Explanation of procedure: Give a brief description of the procedure; inquire about any allergies such as iodine or latex. Make sure the patient does not have any questions before beginning.

Examination of arm for venipuncture site: Apply tourniquet and examine both arms to find an adequate venipuncture site. Release tourniquet while prepping venipuncture site and necessary supplies.

Disinfection of venipuncture site: Thorough cleansing of the venipuncture site. Allow site to air dry.

Tourniquet application: Apply tourniquet approximately 3 inches above the venipuncture site. Do not leave tourniquet on longer than one minute.

Venipuncture technique: This includes anchoring selected vein and angle of needle insertion.

Successful venipuncture: This is simply hitting or missing the vein.

Tube inversions: Know which tubes require mixing and do so accordingly.

Tourniquet release: Be sure to release tourniquet before withdrawing the needle.

Wound care: Applying adequate pressure to venipuncture site and applying bandage.

Correct disposal of sharps, biohazard, and trash: Correctly dispose of all waste materials.

You may use a syringe or vacutainer method for this exam. Remember that a syringe will not always be large to hold the amount of blood needed so plan accordingly. Each student will be given two attempts to locate a vein. If you miss the vein twice, you will be asked to perform the procedure without needle insertion and will have the points deducted for that task. Everyone has a bad day; you will not fail the exam for missing a vein twice.

Phlebotomy Practical Grading Criteria for Safe Flushes

- ✓ Before beginning make sure all necessary supplies are organized: Make sure all necessary supplies are within reach before beginning venipuncture. Be sure to *wear gloves and lab coat buttoned up.* _____

- ✓ Introduction: Introduce yourself ._____

- ✓ Explanation of procedure: Give a brief description of the procedure; inquire about any allergies such as iodine or latex. Make sure the participant does not have any questions before beginning. _____
 - Wash hands and put on gloves if not already on (already have gown on).

 - Draw the saline from the inserted IV line about 2 cc's or until the line becomes red with blood and not saline with a small syringe-throw syringe away. _____

 - Draw the blood sample using a new labeled vacutainer (about 5 cc's)
 - Invert the tube and place in ice in the rack _____

 - Flush the line with fresh saline-about 3 cc's _____

- ✓ Repeat steps 1-3 for each blood draw

- ✓ When completely finished with procedure (13 flushes) remove the needle gently with a gauze pad over the insertion point (do not press-just lie gauze pad on top of site). _____

- ✓ Wound care: Applying adequate pressure to venipuncture site and applying bandage. _____

- ✓ Correct disposal of sharps, biohazard, and trash: Correctly dispose of all waste materials. _____