

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CARDIORESPIRATORY CARE
Arterial Puncture Checklist**

Name: _____

Date _____

Rating Scale: 0 = inappropriate, incorrect, or omitted
1 = needs additional study and practice
2 = appropriate and correct
N/A = not applicable

<u>Item</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. Checks for written orders in the patient's chart.	_____
2. Washes hands, wears rubber gloves.	_____
3. Assures patient identify.	_____
4. Explains the procedure to the patient in a calm, reassuring manner.	_____
5. Performs modified Allen's test.	_____
6. Assembles equipment obtained from blood gas kit.	_____
7. Locates strongest pulsation along radial artery.	_____
8. Swabs radial site with alcohol.	_____
9. Directs the needle with its bevel up, at an angle of 45° to the artery in a direction opposite the flow of blood.	_____
10. Obtains 1.5 cc - 3 cc of blood by allowing blood to pulsate into the syringe.	_____
11. Withdraws needle gently in the same direction as entry.	_____
12. Applies direct pressure to puncture site for a minimum of five minutes.	_____
13. Evacuates any air bubbles from syringe.	_____
14. Inserts needle into rubber stopper.	_____
15. Caps syringe. Properly disposes of contaminated needle.	_____
16. Places syringe into ice container.	_____
17. Checks site to insure bleeding has ceased.	_____
18. Palpates for radial pulse below the puncture site.	_____
19. Removes rubber gloves and washes hands, labels sample.	_____
20. Takes sample to lab for analysis.	_____
21. Completes departmental charting.	_____

90% proficiency required to pass: Score = $\frac{x}{42} \times 100 =$ _____% = _____ pass _____ fail

Instructor's Signature: _____

Instructor's Name: _____ Credential: _____
(Please print)

Student's Signature: _____

Comments _____