

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CARDIORESPIRATORY CARE
Clinical Competency Checklist
Infant Suctioning Through Endotracheal Tube

Student Name _____ Date _____ Attempt # _____

Rating Scale: 0 = Inappropriate, no, incorrect, undone, absent
1 = Needs additional study and practice
2 = appropriate, yes, correct, done, present

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RATING</u>
1. Washes hands.	_____
2. Assesses baby for need of suctioning.	_____
3. Assembles necessary equipment for suctioning.	_____
4. Increase FIO ₂ as needed to maintain adequate SpO ₂ (≥ 95%).	_____
5. Gloves hand aseptically and attaches appropriate size catheter to suction tubing.	_____
6. Dials in suction level of 60-80 torr.	_____
7. Disconnects endotracheal tube from ventilator and suctions quickly (no longer than 10 seconds) to a depth no lower than end of ET tube.	_____
8. Hyperventilate infant slightly between each suctioning attempt.	_____
9. Lavages with normal saline if necessary.	_____
10. Reconnects infant to ventilator.	_____
11. Turns FIO ₂ back to original setting.	_____
12. Assesses infant for effectiveness of suctioning.	_____
13. Charts the suctioning.	_____
14. Cleans up area.	_____
15. Washes hands.	_____

Total = _____ out of 30

% = _____

70% proficiency required to pass

Instructor's Signature: _____

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

Student's Signature: _____