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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CARDIORESPIRATORY CARE
Clinical Competency Checklist
Radial Artery Puncture**

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 with antibacterial soap.	_____
2. Assures patient's identity and order for blood gas.	_____
3. Heparinizes syringe (if necessary).	_____
4. Assembles other necessary equipment (alcohol swab, sterile 2" x 2" dressing).	_____
5. Palpates infant's wrist area carefully to assure location of artery.	_____
6. Swabs site with alcohol.	_____
7. Punctures radial artery with needle and collects 0.3 cc blood.	_____
8. Applies pressure dressing as needle is withdrawn.	_____
9. Holds pressure dressing in place for at least 5 minutes or until bleeding has stopped.	_____
10. Clears sample of any air bubbles and mixes sample.	_____

Total = _____ out of 20 % = _____ 100% proficiency required to pass

Instructor's Signature: _____

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

Student's Signature: _____

