

Adult CPR and AED Skills Testing Checklist



Student Name _____ Date of Test _____

Hospital Scenario: "You are working in a hospital or clinic, and you see a person who has suddenly collapsed in the hallway. You check that the scene is safe and then approach the patient. Demonstrate what you would do next."

Prehospital Scenario: "You arrive on the scene for a suspected cardiac arrest. No bystander CPR has been provided. You approach the scene and ensure that it is safe. Demonstrate what you would do next."

Assessment and Activation

- ☐ Checks responsiveness
- ☐ Shouts for help/Activates emergency response system/Sends for AED
- ☐ Checks breathing
- ☐ Checks pulse

Once student shouts for help, instructor says, "Here's the barrier device. I am going to get the AED."

Cycle 1 of CPR (30:2) *CPR feedback devices preferred for accuracy

Adult Compressions

- ☐ Performs high-quality compressions*:
 - Hand placement on lower half of sternum
 - 30 compressions in no less than 15 and no more than 18 seconds
 - Compresses at least 2 inches (5 cm)
 - Complete recoil after each compression

Adult Breaths

- ☐ Gives 2 breaths with a barrier device:
 - Each breath given over 1 second
 - Visible chest rise with each breath
 - Resumes compressions in less than 10 seconds

Cycle 2 of CPR (repeats steps in Cycle 1) Only check box if step is successfully performed

- ☐ Compressions
- ☐ Breaths
- ☐ Resumes compressions in less than 10 seconds

Rescuer 2 says, "Here is the AED. I'll take over compressions, and you use the AED."

AED (follows prompts of AED)

- ☐ Powers on AED
- ☐ Correctly attaches pads
- ☐ Clears for analysis
- ☐ Clears to safely deliver a shock
- ☐ Safely delivers a shock

Resumes Compressions

- ☐ Ensures compressions are resumed immediately after shock delivery
 - Student directs instructor to resume compressions or
 - Student resumes compressions

STOP TEST

Instructor Notes

- Place a ✓ in the box next to each step the student completes successfully.
- If the student does not complete all steps successfully (as indicated by at least 1 blank check box), the student must receive remediation. Make a note here of which skills require remediation (refer to Instructor Manual for information about remediation).

Test Results Check **PASS** or **NR** to indicate pass or needs remediation:

PASS

NR

Instructor Initials _____ Instructor Number _____ Date _____

Adult CPR and AED

Skills Testing Critical Skills Descriptors

- 1. Assesses victim and activates emergency response system (this *must* precede starting compressions) within a maximum of 30 seconds. After determining that the scene is safe:**
 - Checks for responsiveness by tapping and shouting
 - Shouts for help/directs someone to call for help *and* get AED/defibrillator
 - Checks for no breathing or no normal breathing (only gasping)
 - Scans from the head to the chest for a minimum of 5 seconds and no more than 10 seconds
 - Checks carotid pulse
 - Can be done simultaneously with check for breathing
 - Checks for a minimum of 5 seconds and no more than 10 seconds
- 2. Performs high-quality chest compressions (initiates compressions immediately after recognition of cardiac arrest)**
 - Correct hand placement
 - Lower half of sternum
 - 2-handed (second hand on top of the first or grasping the wrist of the first hand)
 - Compression rate of 100 to 120/min
 - Delivers 30 compressions in 15 to 18 seconds
 - Compression depth and recoil—at least 2 inches (5 cm) and avoid compressing more than 2.4 inches (6 cm)
 - Use of a commercial feedback device or high-fidelity manikin is highly recommended
 - Complete chest recoil after each compression
 - Minimizes interruptions in compressions
 - Delivers 2 breaths so less than 10 seconds elapses between last compression of one cycle and first compression of next cycle
 - Compressions resumed immediately after shock/no shock indicated
- 3. Provides 2 breaths by using a barrier device**
 - Opens airway adequately
 - Uses a head tilt–chin lift maneuver or jaw thrust
 - Delivers each breath over 1 second
 - Delivers breaths that produce visible chest rise
 - Avoids excessive ventilation
 - Resumes chest compressions in less than 10 seconds
- 4. Performs same steps for compressions and breaths for Cycle 2**
- 5. AED use**
 - Powers on AED
 - Turns AED on by pushing button or lifting lid as soon as it arrives
 - Correctly attaches pads
 - Places proper-sized (adult) pads for victim's age in correct location
 - Clears for analysis
 - Clears rescuers from victim for AED to analyze rhythm (pushes analyze button if required by device)
 - Communicates clearly to all other rescuers to stop touching victim
 - Clears to safely deliver shock
 - Communicates clearly to all other rescuers to stop touching victim
 - Delivers a shock
 - Resumes chest compressions immediately after shock delivery
 - Does *not* turn off AED during CPR
- 6. Resumes compressions**
 - Ensures that high-quality chest compressions are resumed immediately after shock delivery
 - Performs same steps for compressions