



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
Paramedic Psychomotor Competency Portfolio Manual**

**COMPREHENSIVE NORMAL ADULT PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES SKILLS
LAB**

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructor Evaluator: _____ Student Evaluator: _____
Signature Signature

NOTE: The student is to perform a comprehensive physical examination (well physical examination) on a patient who has no complaint or distress.

SCORING	
N/A	Not applicable for this patient
0	Unsuccessful; required critical or excessive prompting; inconsistent; not yet competent
1	Not yet competent, marginal or inconsistent, this includes partial attempts
2	Successful; competent; no prompting necessary

Actual Time Started: _____ **SCORE**

Initial general impression		SCORE
Appearance		
Speaks when approached		
Facial expression		
Skin color		
Eye contact		
Weight - estimated/translated to kg		
Work of breathing		
Posture, ease of movement		
Odors of body or breath		
Dress, hygiene, grooming		
Level of consciousness/mental status		
Speech		
Quantity		
Rate		
Volume		
Articulation of words		
Fluency		
Mood		
Orientation		
Time		
Place		
Person		
Memory		
Recent		
Long term		

Assesses baseline vital signs	
Vital signs	
Blood pressure	
Pulses – radial, carotid	
Pulse rate	
Pulse amplification	
Respirations	
Respiratory rate	
Tidal volume	
Temperature – oral, tympanic, rectal	
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Secondary physical examination	
Skin	
Colors – flushed, jaundiced, pallor, cyanotic	
Moisture – dryness, sweating, oiliness	
Temperature – hot or cool to touch	
Turgor	
Lesions – types, location, arrangement	
Nails – condition, cleanliness, growth	
Head and neck	
Hair	
Scalp	
Skull	
Face	
Eyes	
Acuity – vision is clear and free of disturbance	
Appearance – color, iris clear	
Pupils – size, reaction to light	
Extraocular movements – up, down, both sides	
Ears	
External ear	
Ear canal – drainage, clear	
Hearing – present/absent	
Nose	
Deformity	
Air movement	
Mouth	
Opens willingly	
Jaw tension	
Mucosal color	
Moisture	
Upper airway patent	
Neck	
Trachea – midline	
Jugular veins – appearance with patient position	

Chest	
Chest wall movement – expansion	
Skin color – closed wounds	
Integrity	
Open wounds	
Rib stability	
Presence/absence of pain	
Lower Airway	
Auscultation – anterior and posterior	
Normal sounds and location	
Tracheal	
Bronchial	
Bronchovesicular	
Vesicular	
Heart and blood vessels	
Heart	
Apical pulse	
Sounds	
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Arterial pulses	
Locate with each body area examined	
Abdomen	
Color – closed wounds	
Open wounds	
Size, symmetry, shape	
Scars	
Distention	
Auscultation	
Palpation – quadrants, masses, tenderness, rigidity	
Back	
Color – closed wounds	
Open wounds	
Size, symmetry, shape	
Scars	
Palpation – tenderness, rigidity, masses	
Pelvis	
Stability	
Male genitalia – inquires about:	
Wounds, rashes, external lesions	
Drainage	
Female genitalia (non-pregnant) – inquires about:	
Wounds, rashes, external lesions	
Drainage	
Asks about bleeding or discharge	

Musculoskeletal	
Legs and feet	
Symmetry	
Range of motion	
Deformity	
Skin	
Color	
Closed wounds	
Open wounds	
Pulses	
Femoral	
Popliteal	
Dorsalis pedis	
Arms and hands	
Symmetry	
Range of motion	
Deformity	
Skin	
Color	
Closed wounds	
Open wounds	
Pulses	
Brachial	
Radial	
Affective	
Accepts evaluation and criticism professionally	
Shows willingness to learn	
Interacts with simulated patient and other personnel in professional manner, i.e. uses appropriate name, explains procedures, maintains modesty	

Actual Time Ended: _____

TOTAL

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Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions
- ___ Failure to adequately assess airway, breathing or circulation
- ___ Performs assessment in a disorganized manner
- ___ Failure to assess the patient as a competent EMT
- ___ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ___ Performs assessment inappropriately resulting in potential injury to the patient
- ___ Failure to receive a total score of 160 or greater

STUDENT SELF-EVALUATION (The examiner is to ask the student to reflect on his/her performance and document his/her response to the following question:)

Were you successful or unsuccessful in this skill? Successful
 Unsuccessful