

# HOSPITAL CORPSMAN SKILLS BASIC (HMSB)

## Performance Check List (PCL)

Clinical Skill: **Venipuncture**

Circle One: **Initial Evaluation**    **Re-Evaluation**

Command: \_\_\_\_\_



Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**Objective:**

- Demonstrate appropriate selection and preparation of a vein for venipuncture.
- Perform and document a venipuncture to collect a laboratory blood specimen.

**Safety Guidelines:**

- Member will follow universal precautions and wear proper PPE.
- All blood spills will be handled via command policy.
- **Dispose of needles via command policy.**
- Members **will not double stick** their patient.
- Do not recap **ANY** needles.
- Accidental needle sticks will be handled via command policy.
- All blood tubes will be disposed of via command policy.
- Ensure a 1:1 Evaluator/member ratio.

**Evaluator Assistance:** No more than three (3) Evaluator assists are allowed. *Note: Evaluator Assist: Any assistance provided by the evaluator during the skill demonstration whether verbally or physically, which aids the member in the successful completion of the skill or the parts of the skill identified by the objective.*

**Performance Standard:**

- Each member will perform venipuncture
- Two tubes of blood will be taken while performing venipuncture (only for group simulation)
- All skills will be graded either **PASS/FAIL**. Members must complete at least **80%** of all parts **with no critical items (\*) missed**. Failure to successfully complete a critical item (\*) will result in a failure of the skill and remediation will be required

**Condition:** Member and patient or group of two (2) members

**Equipment:**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| - Vacutainer needle      | - Chux pad             |
| - Non-sterile gloves     | - 2x2 gauze            |
| - 2 Vacutainer tubes     | - Tourniquet           |
| - Antiseptic swabs       | - Tape                 |
| - Sharps container       | - Vacutainer holder    |
| - Face shield (optional) | - SF 600 or local form |

**VENIPUNCTURE PREPARATION**

**PASS**

**FAIL**

**Scenario: The provider has ordered two tubes of blood to be drawn.**

1. *Verify provider's order		
2. Gather equipment		
3. *Identify patient using two patient identifiers		
4. *Explain procedures to the patient		
5. *Perform hand hygiene		

**VENIPUNCTURE PROCEDURE**

**PASS**

**FAIL**

1. Position patient for venipuncture		
2. Have patient extended arm to form a straight line from shoulder to wrist and select a site		

3. Place absorbent pad or towel under arm		
4. *Apply a tourniquet 2 to 4 inches above the selected venipuncture site		
5. * Instruct patient to make a fist, confirm selected venipuncture site and release the tourniquet		
6. *Perform hand hygiene and don clean gloves		
7. *Aseptically screw the double-ended Vacutainer needle into the Vacutainer holder		
8. Have the proper blood specimen tube resting inside the holder, but do not puncture the rubber stopper		
9. Reapply the tourniquet and relocate the vein		
10. *Cleanse the venipuncture site with an antiseptic swab moving in a circular motion out from the site, approximately 2 inches		
11. Allow to dry completely		
12. Aseptically remove the needle cover		
13. *Place the thumb or forefinger of the non-dominant hand 1 inch below the site, and gently pull and stretch the patient's skin distal to the patient until it is taut and the vein is stabilized		
14. *With the dominant hand, hold the Vacutainer needle at a 15 to 30 degree angle from the patient's arm with the bevel up		
15. *Slowly insert the needle into the vein		
16. With the non-dominant hand, advance the specimen tube into the needle of the holder		
17. *Grasping the Vacutainer holder firmly, and once the tube is filled or vacuum is used, remove the specimen tube		
18. Insert additional specimen tube		
19. *Just before filling the last specimen tube, release the tourniquet		
20. Fill the last tube and remove it from the Vacutainer holder		
21. Apply a folded 2x2 inch gauze pad over the puncture site without applying pressure, and quickly but carefully withdraw the needle with the Vacutainer from the vein		
22. *Immediately apply pressure over the venipuncture site with gauze		
23. Discard vacutainer and needle via command policy		
24. Apply adhesive tape over gauze		
25. *Check if tubes contain additive and gently invert to mix		
26. *Label specimen tubes		
27. *Doff gloves and perform hand hygiene		
28. *Document on SF 600 or local form		

<b>Member Passed:</b> ____/33	<b>Calculated Percentage:</b>
<b>Circle: PASS / FAIL</b>	<b>Evaluators Initials:</b>

**Print and Sign below:**

**Evaluator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

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