



**EMT-B PRACTICAL EXAMINATION
IMMOBILIZATION SKILLS
TRACTION SPLINTING**

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| | <i>Coordinator Use Only</i> | |
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Date: _____ Course: _____ Location: _____

Candidate # _____ Name: _____

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| | Points Awarded (one point per line) |
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| Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions/scene safety (S.A.) <i>(NOTE: One point is awarded if candidate considered this in the trauma assessment scenario)</i> | |
| Directs application of manual stabilization of the injured leg | |
| Assesses distal pulse, motor, and sensation (S.A.) | |
| Prepares/adjusts splint according to manufacturer instructions | |
| Positions the splint on the injured leg | |
| Directs the application of manual traction | |
| Applies the proximal securing device (e.g., ischial strap) (S.A. if not done before taking mechanical traction) | |
| Applies the distal securing device (e.g., ankle hitch) | |
| Applies mechanical traction until the patient gets relief and until mechanical traction meets manual traction (S.A. if loss of traction prior to application of mechanical traction; S.A. if the leg is secured to splint before applying mechanical traction) | |
| Positions/secures the support straps | |
| Re-evaluates the entire device (S.A. if the foot is excessively rotated or extended after splinting; S.A. if final immobilization failed to support the femur or prevent rotation of the injured leg) | |
| Reassess distal pulse, motor, and sensation (S.A.) | |
| NOTE: The examiner must ask candidate how he/she would prepare the patient for transportation | |
| Verbalizes securing the torso to the long board to immobilize the hip | |
| Verbalizes securing the splint to the long board to prevent movement of the splint | |
| <i>Total possible points: 14; 10 are required to pass</i> TOTAL: | |

Significant Actions (S.A.): (NOTE: The rationale for checking any significant action must be documented on this form)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to verbalize/take BSI precautions/scene safety | <input type="checkbox"/> The foot is excessively rotated or extended after splinting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of traction at any point after it is assumed | <input type="checkbox"/> Did not reassess distal pulse, motor, and sensation before splinting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not assess distal pulse, motor, and sensation after splinting | <input type="checkbox"/> Did not secure the ischial strap before taking traction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Final immobilization failed to support the femur or prevent rotation of the injured leg | <input type="checkbox"/> Secured leg to splint before applying mechanical traction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team leader did not perform as such | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment caused further harm to patient | |

NOTE: If the Sager Splint, Kendrick Traction Device or other similar devices are used without elevating the patient's leg, application of manual traction is not necessary. The candidate should be awarded 1 point as if manual traction were applied.

NOTE: If the leg is elevated at all, manual traction must be applied before elevating the leg. The ankle hitch may be applied before elevating the leg and used to provide manual traction.

Evaluator Comments:

Examiner Name: _____

Signature: _____