



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®  
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

**CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT / AED**

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Determines the scene/situation is safe	1	
Attempts to question bystanders about arrest events	1	
Checks patient responsiveness	1	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The patient is unresponsive."</b>		
Assesses patient for signs of breathing [observes the patient and determines the absence of breathing or abnormal breathing (gaspings or agonal respirations)]	1	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The patient is apneic," or, "The patient has gasping, agonal respirations."</b>		
Checks carotid pulse [no more than 10 seconds]	1	
<b>NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The patient is pulseless."</b>		
Immediately begins chest compressions [adequate depth and rate; allows the chest to recoil completely]	1	
Requests additional EMS response	1	
Performs 2 minutes of high quality, 1-rescuer adult CPR Adequate depth and rate (1 point) Correct compression-to-ventilation ratio (1 point) Allows the chest to recoil completely (1 point) Adequate volumes for each breath (1 point) Minimal interruptions of less than 10 seconds throughout (1 point)	5	
<b>NOTE: After 2 minutes (5 cycles), patient is assessed and second rescuer resumes compressions while candidate operates AED.</b>		
Turns-on power to AED	1	
Follows prompts and correctly attaches AED to patient	1	
Stops CPR and ensures all individuals are clear of the patient during rhythm analysis	1	
Ensures that all individuals are clear of the patient and delivers shock from AED	1	
Immediately directs rescuer to resume chest compressions	1	
<b>Actual Time Ended: _____</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	18

**Critical Criteria**

- \_\_\_ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions
- \_\_\_ Failure to immediately begin chest compressions as soon as pulselessness is confirmed
- \_\_\_ Failure to deliver shock in a timely manner
- \_\_\_ Interrupts CPR for more than 10 seconds at any point
- \_\_\_ Failure to demonstrate acceptable high-quality, 1-rescuer adult CPR
- \_\_\_ Failure to operate the AED properly
- \_\_\_ Failure to correctly attach the AED to the patient
- \_\_\_ Failure to assure that all individuals are clear of patient during rhythm analysis **and** before delivering shock(s) [verbalizes "All clear" and observes]
- \_\_\_ Failure to immediately resume compressions after shock delivered
- \_\_\_ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- \_\_\_ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- \_\_\_ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

*You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on this form (below or turn sheet over).*