



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

SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SEATED PATIENT)

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____
Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs assistant to place/maintain head in the neutral, in-line position	1	
Directs assistant to maintain manual stabilization of the head	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity	1	
Applies appropriately sized extrication collar	1	
Positions the immobilization device behind the patient	1	
Secures the device to the patient's torso	1	
Evaluates torso fixation and adjusts as necessary	1	
Evaluates and pads behind the patient's head as necessary	1	
Secures the patient's head to the device	1	
Verbalizes moving the patient to a long backboard	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	12

Critical Criteria

- ___ Did not immediately direct or take manual stabilization of the head
- ___ Did not properly apply appropriately sized cervical collar before ordering release of manual stabilization
- ___ Released or ordered release of manual stabilization before it was maintained mechanically
- ___ Manipulated or moved the patient excessively causing potential spinal compromise
- ___ Head immobilized to the device **before** device sufficiently secured to the torso
- ___ Device moves excessively up, down, left, or right on the patient's torso
- ___ Head immobilization allows for excessive movement
- ___ Torso fixation inhibits chest rise, resulting in respiratory compromise
- ___ Upon completion of immobilization, head is not in a neutral, in-line position
- ___ Did not reassess motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity after voicing immobilization to the long backboard
- ___ 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 the reverse side of this form.