

Continuous assessment form

The ABCDE approach to assessment of the sick child

Basic life support with bag/mask ventilation

Structure Skill description	Process Specific action competently demonstrated	Outcome Desired skill outcome	Assessment Please tick	
			Achieved	Not achieved
Patient assessment using the ABCDE approach	Systematic use of the ABCDE approach	Identify and treat any immediate problems/request appropriate assistance		
Infant/child basic life support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → SSS ABC approach → Airway opening with head tilt/chin lift appropriate for age and assessment of breathing → *Effective delivery of rescue breaths with appropriate self-inflating bag → Appropriate assessment for signs of circulation → Delivery of chest compressions appropriate to age of child → Rapid reassessment of ABC and clarification that further assistance has been summoned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Prioritises safety of self and casualty → Assessment of responsiveness → Opens airway appropriate for age to determine presence/absence of 'normal' breathing → Delivery of effective rescue breaths → Correct assessment of need for chest compressions → Support for circulation during cardiac arrest → Safe ongoing management of situation 		
Gives handover to senior staff member on arrival	Gives a structured handover	Can organise reflective thoughts		

Candidate name:	Assessors Name:
Achieved assessment outcome: Yes / No	Date:

*For staff based in community settings, it may be appropriate to substitute rescue breaths delivered via an appropriate barrier device.

Continuous assessment for airway management skill station

Structure Specific skill	Process Specific action competently demonstrated	Outcome Desired skill outcome	Assessment Please tick	
			Achieved	Not achieved
Appropriate selection and checking of equipment	Selects and checks equipment to be used to maintain a patent airway and perform BMV, (pharyngeal suction, oropharyngeal airway, self-inflating bag-mask device with reservoir)	Appropriate equipment is immediately available to support airway and ventilatory management		
Airway opening and assessment of patency	Safe and appropriate head positioning	Opens airway with head tilt / chin lift and appropriate age-related head positioning and determines need for pharyngeal suction		
Airway maintenance	Demonstrates appropriate pharyngeal suction, correct sizing and insertion technique of oropharyngeal airway	Airway patency is achieved		
OPTIONAL Ventilation	Demonstrates effective ventilation using a pocket mask	Ventilation is established with effective use of a pocket mask		
Ventilation	Demonstrates effective ventilation using self-inflating bag-mask device with supplemental oxygen	Ventilation is established with effective use of BMV		

Candidate name:	1st Instructor name:	2nd Instructor name:
Achieved assessment outcome: Yes / No		Date: