

INTRAMUSCULAR DRUG ADMINISTRATION PROFICIENCY

Under direct supervision, the student will successfully perform five IM drug administrations. Steps which are starred (*) must be accomplished for the student to receive credit for the assessment.

1. Avoids contamination of equipment.*
2. Confirms order (medication, dosage, route).*
3. Informs patient of order for medication and asks about allergies.*
4. Selects correct medication.*
5. Checks medication for contamination and expiration date.*
6. Prepares correct amount of medication for administration.*
7. Expels air from syringe.
8. Rechecks medication label.
9. Selects appropriate site.*
10. Rechecks medication label.
11. Prepares injection site.
12. Performs steps 1 – 11 prior to step 13 and performs at least one recheck of medication label.*
13. Performs needle insertion
 - a. Stretches skin
 - b. Inserts needle at 90-degree angle to skin
14. Aspirates for absence for blood return.*
15. Injects medication.*
16. Withdraws needle and applies pressure.
17. Disposes of contaminated equipment.*

PRECEPTOR	EMS/STATION	DATE	PT. COMPLAINT	AGE/GENDER
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				

After a Paramedic Student has successfully performed five intramuscular drug administrations, he/she may attempt to obtain a PROFICIENCY CHECK. The clinical preceptor should observe the student perform an IM drug administration without assistance. If the student successfully administers the drug, the preceptor should complete the statement which follows. If the student is unable to administer the drug or demonstrates significant problems with technique, the student should be required to demonstrate proficiency on a subsequent attempt.

I, _____ have observed _____ correctly
(Print Preceptor's Name) (Print Student's Name)
administer a drug by the IM route. Since Paramedics administer IM medications to patients under standing orders received via radio contact with a physician in the Emergency Department, they must be able to perform this skill without direct supervision.

This student has demonstrated to my satisfaction, based on this and previous observations, that he/she is proficient in the skill of IM drug administration and could perform this skill without direct supervision.

Signature of Preceptor _____

EMS/Station _____

Date _____