

**NEBULIZED BRONCHODILATOR ADMINISTRATION PROFICIENCY**

Under direct supervision, the student will successfully perform three nebulized bronchodilator treatments using a small volume nebulizer. Steps which are starred (\*) must be accomplished for the student to receive credit for the bronchodilator treatment.

1. Avoids contamination of equipment.\*
2. Confirms order (medication, dosage, route).\*
3. Informs patient of order for medication and asks about allergies and recent doses of other bronchodilators.\*
4. Selects correct medication.\*
5. Checks medication for contamination and expiration date.\*
6. Adds appropriate amount of medication to nebulizer.\*
7. Assembles nebulizer according to manufacturer's standard and connects to oxygen source.\*
8. Assesses pre-treatment pulse and breath sounds.
9. Rechecks medication label.\*
10. Adjusts oxygen liter flow as ordered and allows mist to fill breathing tube or mask before applying to patient.
11. Rechecks medication label.\*
12. Performs steps 1-10 prior to step 12 and performs at least one recheck of medication label.\*
13. Removes oxygen mask from patient and positions nebulizer device on patient.\*
14. Assesses post treatment pulse and breath sounds.

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

After a Paramedic Student has successfully performed three nebulized bronchodilator treatments, he/she may attempt to obtain a PROFICIENCY CHECK. The clinical preceptor should observe the student perform a nebulized bronchodilator treatment without assistance. If the student successfully performs the treatment, the preceptor should complete the statement which follows. If the student is unable to perform the treatment 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 bronchodilator using a small volume nebulizer. Since Paramedics administer nebulized bronchodilator treatments 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 nebulized bronchodilator treatments and could perform this skill without direct supervision.

Signature of Preceptor \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital/Department \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_