

**SUBCUTANEOUS DRUG ADMINISTRATION PROFICIENCY**

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

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 sites.\*
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. Pinches skin between two fingers.
  - b. Inserts needle at 45-degree angle
  - c. Keeps bevel of needle up
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
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After a Paramedic Student has successfully performed five subcutaneous drug administrations, he/she may attempt to obtain a PROFICIENCY CHECK. The clinical preceptor should observe the student perform a subcutaneous 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 subcutaneous route. Since Paramedics administer subcutaneous 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 subcutaneous drug administration and could perform this skill without direct supervision.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_