

EXPOSURE CONTROL PROFICIENCY

Under direct supervision, the student will demonstrate compliance with exposure control procedures on five ambulance runs. Steps which are starred (*) must be accomplished for the student to receive credit.

1. Considers blood, body fluids, and tissues of all patients to be potentially infectious, and uses body substance isolation procedures*
2. Uses appropriate personal protective equipment consistent with EMS policy*
 - a. Latex gloves will be worn during any patient contact when potential exists for contact with blood, body fluids, nonintact skin, or other infectious materials.
 - b. Gloves will be used for handling, cleaning, decontamination, or disinfection of potentially contaminated equipment.
 - c. Aprons will be used for handling, cleaning, decontamination, or disinfection of potentially contaminated equipment if potential exists for contamination of personnel's body or uniform.
 - d. Facial protection will be used where splash contact with face is possible.
3. Uses procedures to limit splashing, spraying, and aerosolization of body fluids as much as possible*
4. Washes hands with germicidal soap and water consistent with EMS policy*
 - a. After removing personal protective equipment
 - b. After each patient contact
 - c. After handling potentially infectious materials
 - d. After cleaning or decontaminating equipment
5. Refrains from eating, drinking, smoking or other tobacco use, handling contact lenses, or applying cosmetics or lip balm at scene of operations or in EMS vehicle*
6. Disposes of used needles or other sharps in approved containers*
7. Avoids recapping needles except in situations in which an approved container is unavailable, then uses the one-handed scoop method*
8. Removes all personal protective equipment prior to leaving the work area*
9. Places all used personal protective equipment in leak-proof bags for subsequent proper disposal or disinfection*
10. As necessary, reassures patient and public that personal protective equipment is a matter of routine for protection of patients as well as EMS personnel.

	PRECEPTOR EMS/STATION	DATE	AGE/GENDER
1.	_____		
2.	_____		
3.	_____		
4.	_____		
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After an EMS student has successfully demonstrated compliance with exposure control procedures on five ambulance runs, he/she may attempt to obtain a PROFICIENCY CHECK. The preceptor should observe the student follow exposure control procedures without assistance. If the student successfully follows exposure control procedures, the preceptor should complete the statement which follows. If the student is unable to follow exposure control procedures 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)
follow exposure control procedures. Since EMS Students are at risk for exposure to communicable infectious diseases during performance of their duties, they must be able to comply with accepted procedures for exposure control.

This student has demonstrated to my satisfaction, based on this and previous observations, that he/she is proficient in complying with accepted exposure control procedures and can, perform this skill without direct supervision.

Signature of Preceptor _____
EMS/Station _____
Date _____