

South Plains College
EMS Programs
Administering Medication via the Subcutaneous Route

NAME:		DATE:	
COURSE:		SEMSTER:	INITIAL: RETEST:

Task: Administer medication via the subcutaneous route.
Performance Observations: The candidate shall be able to correctly administer medication via the subcutaneous route.
Candidate Directive: "Properly administer medication via the subcutaneous route."

No.	Task Steps	Pass	Fail
1.	Obtain Medical Direction		
2.	Check the medication to ensure that it is the correct one, that it is not discolored, and that the expiration date has not passed.		
3.	Assemble and check the equipment.		
4.	Draw up the correct dose of medication.		
5.	Using aseptic technique, cleanse the injection area.		
6.	Pinch the skin surrounding the area, and insert the needle at a 45° angle.		
7.	Pull back on the plunger to "aspirate for blood (if present STOP)."		
8.	Inject the medication.		
9.	Remove the needle.		
10.	Hold pressure over the area.		
11.	Immediately dispose of the needle and syringe in the sharps container, use safety device on syringe if equipped.		
12.	To disperse the medication, rub the area in a circular motion.		
13.	Monitor the patient's condition.		

Absolutely satisfied _____ Yes _____ No _____	_____ Pass _____ Fail
Examiner: 	Certification #

Documenting Comments: