

PEARS® Child CPR and AED Skills Testing Checklist



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Student Name _____ Date of Test _____

Hospital Scenario: “You are working in a hospital or clinic, and you see a child who has suddenly collapsed in the hallway. You check that the scene is safe and then approach the patient. Demonstrate what you would do next.”

Prehospital Scenario: “You arrive on the scene for a child who is not breathing. No bystander CPR has been provided. You approach the scene and ensure that it is safe. Demonstrate what you would do next.”

Assessment and Activation

- Checks responsiveness Shouts for help/Activates emergency response system/Sends for AED
 Checks breathing Checks pulse

Once student shouts for help, instructor says, “Here’s the barrier device. I am going to get the AED.”

Cycle 1 of CPR (30:2) *CPR feedback devices preferred for accuracy

Child Compressions

- Performs high-quality compressions*:
- Hand placement on lower half of sternum
 - 30 compressions in no less than 15 and no more than 18 seconds
 - Compresses at least one third the depth of the chest, about 2 inches (5 cm)
 - Complete recoil after each compression

Child Breaths

- Gives 2 breaths with a barrier device:
- Each breath given over 1 second
 - Visible chest rise with each breath
 - Resumes compressions in less than 10 seconds

Cycle 2 of CPR (repeats steps in Cycle 1) Only check box if step is successfully performed

- Compressions Breaths Resumes compressions in less than 10 seconds

Rescuer 2 says, “Here is the AED. I’ll take over compressions, and you use the AED.”

AED (follows prompts of AED)

- Powers on AED Correctly attaches pads Clears for analysis Clears to safely deliver a shock
 Safely delivers a shock

Resumes Compressions

- Ensures compressions are resumed immediately after shock delivery
 - Student directs instructor to resume compressions or
 - Student resumes compressions

STOP TEST

Instructor Notes

- Place a ✓ in the box next to each step the student completes successfully.
- If the student does not complete all steps successfully (as indicated by at least 1 blank check box), the student must receive remediation. Make a note here of which skills require remediation (refer to Instructor Manual for information about remediation).

Test Results Check **PASS** or **NR** to indicate pass or needs remediation:

PASS

NR

Instructor Initials _____ Instructor Number _____ Date _____