

**Community College of Aurora  
Practical Exam Skill Sheet  
Traction Splinting**

Modeled after the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Practical Examination

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs application of manual stabilization of the injured leg	1	
Directs the application of manual traction	1	
Assesses motor, sensory, and distal circulation	1	
<i>Note: The examiner acknowledges present and normal</i>		
Prepares and adjusts the splint to the proper length	1	
Positions the splint on the injured leg	1	
Applies the proximal securing device (e.g., ischial strap)	1	
Applies the proximal securing device (e.g., ankle hitch)	1	
Applies mechanical traction	1	
Positions and secures the support straps	1	
Re-evaluates the proximal and distal securing devices	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory and distal circulation	1	
<i>Note: The examiner acknowledges present and normal</i>		
<i>Note: The examiner must ask candidate how he/she would prepare the patient for transportation</i>		
Verbalizes securing the torso to the long board to immobilize the hip	1	
Verbalizes securing the splint to the long board to prevent movement of the splint	1	
Total	14	
<b>CRITICAL CRITERIA</b>		
	Loss of traction at any point after it is assumed	
	Did not assess motor, sensory, and distal circulation before and after splinting	
	The foot is excessively rotated or extended after splinting	
	Did not secure the ischial strap before taking traction	
	Final immobilization failed to support the femur or prevent rotation of the injured leg	
	Secured leg to splint before applying mechanical traction	

Note: If the Sager splint or Kendrick Traction Device is used without elevating the patient's leg, application of manual traction is not necessary. The candidate should be awarded 1 point as if manual traction were applied.  
 Note: If the leg is elevated at all, manual traction must be applied before elevating the leg. The ankle hitch may be applied before elevating the leg and used to provide manual traction.  
*You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.*