

Grade

STERILE TRAY ASSESSMENT
HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL OFFICE

Student: _____ Clinical Affiliate: _____ Date: _____

The following checklist is designed to assess the student's ability to set up a sterile field, open packages and transfer sterile items without contamination.

EVALUATOR INSTRUCTIONS:

Evaluate the student's performance on each task by checking (☑) the appropriate box.

Procedure being observed: Laceration repair _____ Other _____

LEGEND:

YES	NO	NP	NA
Completed	Did NOT complete	Needs practice	Not applicable.

For a successful competency the **STUDENT must** perform:

1. A or B AND
2. C or D AND
3. E and F

A. Opening of sterile tray (Commercial)

YES	NO	NP	NA	TASK
				1. Wash hands.
				2. Confirm sterility of packages.
				3. Confirm expiration date of packages.
				4. Place tray on clean table/surface with sealed end towards you.
				5. Open corner 1 back and away from the pack.
				6. Opens corner 2 and 3 to the left and right.
				7. Open corner 4 and drop it towards your body.
				8. Do not touch the sterile contents of the tray.
				9. Obtain sterile gloves for physician.

B. Preparing a sterile field with packaged supplies

YES	NO	NP	NA	TASK
				1. Wash hands.
				2. Confirm sterility of packages.
				3. Confirm expiration date of packages.
				2. Open sterile field paper wrapping.
				3. Place field on mayo stand or table, touching only outer border. "Buffer zone"
				4. Add fluid to cup if applicable. (see below)
				5. Do not touch sterile item or sterile tray.
				6. Obtain sterile gloves for physician.

C. Opening sterile packs and supplies. Dropping onto a sterile tray "Peel down" method

YES	NO	NP	NA		TASK
				1.	Hold the sterile pack or supply in front and away from body.
				2.	Separate paper layers without touching contents.
				3.	Invert the package.
				4.	Reach slightly over the sterile field and above the sterile field.
				5.	Drop the contents of the pack onto the field.
				6.	Do not touch sterile item or sterile tray.

D. Sterile person to grasp contents

YES	NO	NP	NA		TASK
				1.	Hold sterile pack or supply in front and away from body.
				2.	Separate paper layers without touching contents.
				3.	Open sterile pack allowing the corners to fall over your hand.
				4.	Hold edges of wrapper down.
				5.	Present contents to sterile person.
				6.	Pull the wrapping in the opposite direction.

E. Pour liquid to sterile field

YES	NO	NP	NA		TASK
				1.	Open bottle of liquid.
				2.	Do not touch rim of bottle.
				3.	Pour off small amount into waste basket/sink to clean bottle rim.
				4.	Hold bottle slightly over and above the sterile field.
				5.	Pour contents into designated receptacle.

F. Disposal of sterile tray and contents

YES	NO	NP	NA		TASK
				1.	Put on gloves.
				2.	Use Standard Precautions throughout tray breakdown and disposal.
				3.	Remove sharp objects with a transfer forceps or hemostat.
				4.	Place sharps in sharps container.
				5.	Place contaminated items in biohazard bag.
				6.	Fold sterile field over disposable items and discard per protocol.

COMMENTS:

After observing _____ setting up a sterile tray and opening sterile packages, I feel that he/she is competent to perform this task with minimal assistance.

EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____