

**PROCEDURE: MEASURING AND RECORDING PATIENT’S TEMPERATURE**

**Equipment/Supplies:** Electronic thermometer with oral or rectal probe, lubricant and gloves for rectal temperatures, disposable probe covers, biohazard waster container.

**Standards:** Given the needed equipment and a place to work, the student will perform this skill with 80 % accuracy.

**Key: 1 = Satisfactory      0 = Unsatisfactory**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>
1. Cleaned the hands and assembled the necessary supplies. (May use hand sanitizer for this exercise if sink is unavailable.)		
2. Greeted and identified the patient and explained the procedure.		
3. Chose the method (oral, axillary, or rectal) most appropriate for the patient.		
4. Inserted the probe into a probe cover.		
5. Positioned the thermometer.		
6. Waited for the electronic thermometer unit to beep.		
7. Removed the probe and noted the reading on the digital display screen on the unit.		
8. Discarded the probe cover into a biohazard waster container.		
9. Recorded the procedure result.		
10. Returned the unit and probe to the charging base.		

Passing Grade 80% (8 out of 10)

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

