

Suggestions for skills assessment with the **LIFEPAK® 35** Monitor/Defibrillator

Noninvasive Blood Pressure Monitoring (NIBP)

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

This skills checklist assesses a trained user's ability to monitor noninvasive blood pressure with the LIFEPAK 35 monitor/defibrillator. This limited checklist does not cover all information and skills required to operate the device safely and effectively. This checklist is designed to be completed after receiving or viewing in-service training by a qualified instructor. Refer to the LIFEPAK 35 monitor/defibrillator Operating Instructions for complete directions for use, indications, contraindications, warnings, cautions, and potential adverse events. CAPITAL LETTERS indicate labels, screen messages, and voice prompts. "Push" is used when referring to keypad buttons, and "Press" is used when referring to softkeys on the touchscreen indicated by italics

Assessment criteria	Complete	Incomplete	Comments
1. Pushes the POWER button.			
2. Selects the appropriately sized cuff.			Review the importance of cuff size, placement, and patient positioning for accuracy of measurements.
3. Properly aligns the cuff artery markings and applies snugly to the extremity.			
4. Connects the tube to the cuff and to the NIBP port on the monitor.			
5. Changes the initial inflation pressure, if necessary, by pressing the NIBP box.			Initial cuff pressure should be approximately 30 mmHg higher than the patient's anticipated systolic pressure.
6. When possible, ensures the patient is seated comfortably with feet flat on the floor, legs uncrossed, and back and arm supported.			
7. Positions the extremity in a relaxed and supported position at the same level of the patient's heart.			
8. Changes the patient type by pressing the ALARMS button at the bottom of the Home Screen to choose between Adult, Pediatric, or Neonate.			
9. Presses START to start the measurement and confirm the patient's arm is not moving. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presses STOP to stop or cancel the measurement if needed. 			NIBP typically takes 40 seconds to complete. The cuff automatically deflates if the measurement is not completed within 120 seconds.
10. Describes the process to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set timer-controlled measurements. Set alarms. Displays NIBP trends on screen. 			
11. Describes the cleaning and inspection process.			

Notes: _____



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