


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

Synchronized cardioversion with QUIK-COMBO® therapy electrodes or standard (hard) paddles

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

This skills checklist assesses a trained user's ability to perform synchronized cardioversion 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. Connects the therapy pads and ECG electrodes to the simulator. Confirms therapy cable is connected to the monitor/defibrillator.			Instructor to choose appropriate cardioversion rhythm on the simulator.
3. Describes skin prep for the pads and electrodes according to local protocol and per LIFEPAK 35 Operating Instructions.			
4. Presses the blue question icon  to view abbreviated synchronized cardioversion instructions.			
5. Selects the lead with the greatest QRS complex amplitude (positive or negative).			Note: If using therapy electrodes only, places the electrodes in anterior-lateral or anterior-posterior position and select PADS lead.
6. Presses THERAPY to enter manual mode.			
7. Presses SYNG .			
8. Observes the ECG rhythm and confirms that a triangle sense marker appears near the middle of each QRS complex.			
9. Selects another lead or adjusts the ECG size if the sense markers do not appear or are displayed in the incorrect location.			
10. Selects the desired energy using the Up/Down arrows, dial on the touchscreen, or speed dial.			
11. Pushes CHARGE .			
12. Makes certain all personnel, including the operator, stand clear of the patient, stretcher, bed, and any equipment connected to the patient.			

Assessment criteria	Complete	Incomplete	Comments
13. Pushes and holds the ⚡ (SHOCK) button on the defibrillator until the ENERGY DELIVERED message appears on the screen. For standard paddles, presses and holds both ⚡ (SHOCK) buttons on the paddles simultaneously until the ENERGY DELIVERED message appears on the screen. Releases buttons.			
14. Cancel (Optional): Presses SPEED DIAL to cancel charge.			
15. Follows screen prompts to select next option.			

Notes: _____



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