

SKILL GUIDE 13-1**Skill Guide**

Date: _____

(CPI) = Critical Performance Indicator

Candidate: _____

Start Time: _____

End Time: _____

Auscultation of Breath Sounds**Objective:** To demonstrate the ability to locate positions at which to listen for breath sounds.

| Skill | Max Points | Skill Demo | |
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| Initiates Standard Precautions. | 1 | | (CPI) |
| Obtains permission from patient. | 1 | | |
| Warms stethoscope. | 1 | | |
| Upper Right Lobe Anterior: places stethoscope on right side of anterior chest 1–1.5" below the middle of the clavicle (2nd intercostal space). | 1 | | |
| Upper Left Lobe Anterior: places stethoscope on left side of anterior chest 1–1.5" below the middle of the clavicle (2nd intercostal space). | 1 | | |
| Lower Right Lobe Anterior: places stethoscope on the right side of chest 2" below the nipple line. | 1 | | |
| Lower Left Lobe Anterior: places stethoscope on the left side of the chest 2" below the nipple line. | 1 | | |
| Upper Right Lobe Posterior: places stethoscope on right upper back between top of the scapula and the spine 2" below the neck. | 1 | | |
| Upper Left Lobe Posterior: places stethoscope on left upper back between top of the scapula and the spine 2" below the neck. | 1 | | |
| Lower Right Lobe Posterior: places stethoscope on the right lower back below the bottom of the scapula. | 1 | | |
| Lower Left Lobe Posterior: places stethoscope on the left lower back below the bottom of the scapula. | 1 | | |
| Notes and verbalizes breath sounds—normal or abnormal. | 1 | | (CPI) |

Must receive 10 out of 12 points.

Comments: _____

Failure of any of the CPIs is an automatic failure.

Evaluator: _____ NSP ID: _____

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