

## STATION # 4: Traction Splinting – Intermediate

TIME LIMIT – 20 Minutes      Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

●Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SKILL DESCRIPTION	Points Possible	Points Awarded	Comments:
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1		
Directs the application of manual stabilization of the injured leg	1		
Directs the application of manual stabilization	1		
Assesses motor, sensory and circulatory function in the injured extremity	1		
<b>Note: The examiner acknowledges “motor, sensory and circulatory functions are present and normal.”</b>			
Prepares/adjusts splint to the proper length	1		
Positions the splint next to the injured leg	1		
Applies the proximal securing device (ie. ischial strap)	1		
Applies the distal securing device (ie. ankle hitch)	1		
Applies mechanical traction	1		
Positions/secures the support straps	1		
Re-evaluates the proximal/distal securing devices	1		
Reassesses motor, sensory and circulatory function in the injured extremity	1		
<b>Note: The examiner acknowledges “motor, sensory and circulatory functions are present and normal.”</b>			
<b>Note: The examiner must ask the candidate how he/she would prepare the patient for transportation</b>			
Verbalizes securing the torso to the long board to immobilize the hip	1		
Verbalizes securing the splint to the long board to prevent movement of the splint	1		
Total:	14		

**Critical Criteria:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Loss of traction at any point after it was applied
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not reassess motor, sensory and circulatory function in the injured extremity before and after splinting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Foot was excessively rotated or extended after splint was applied
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not secure the ischial strap before taking traction
- \_\_\_\_\_ Final immobilization failed to support the femur or prevent rotation of the injured leg
- \_\_\_\_\_ Secured the leg to the splint before applying mechanical traction

- Note: if the Sager or the Kendrick Traction Device is used without elevating the patient's leg, application of manual traction is not necessary. The candidate should be awarded 1 point as if manual traction were applied.
- Note: If the leg is elevated at all, manual traction must be applied before elevating the leg. The ankle hitch may be applied before elevating the leg and used to provide manual traction.

**Passing = No Critical Criteria missed and a minimum of 10 points awarded.**

○Pass: \_\_\_\_\_ Fail: \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

○(Exam Series INT traction – 05/08)