



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®  
Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination**

**SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SEATED PATIENT)**

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Actual Time Started: _____	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs assistant to place/maintain head in the neutral, in-line position	1	
Directs assistant to maintain manual stabilization of the head	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory and circulatory functions in each extremity	1	
Applies appropriately sized extrication collar	1	
Positions the immobilization device behind the patient	1	
Secures the device to the patient's torso	1	
Evaluates torso fixation and adjusts as necessary	1	
Evaluates and pads behind the patient's head as necessary	1	
Secures the patient's head to the device	1	
Verbalizes moving the patient to a long backboard	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
<b>Actual Time Ended: _____</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

**CRITICAL CRITERIA**

- \_\_\_ Did not immediately direct or take manual stabilization of the head
- \_\_\_ Did not properly apply appropriately sized cervical collar before ordering release of manual stabilization
- \_\_\_ Released or ordered release of manual stabilization before it was maintained mechanically
- \_\_\_ Manipulated or moved patient excessively causing potential spinal compromise
- \_\_\_ Head immobilized to the device **before** device sufficiently secured to the torso
- \_\_\_ Device moves excessively up, down, left or right on the patient's torso
- \_\_\_ Head immobilization allows for excessive movement
- \_\_\_ Torso fixation inhibits chest rise, resulting in respiratory compromise
- \_\_\_ Upon completion of immobilization, head is not in a neutral, in-line position
- \_\_\_ Did not reassess motor, sensory and circulatory functions in each extremity after voicing immobilization to the long backboard
- \_\_\_ Failure to manage the patient as a competent EMT
- \_\_\_ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- \_\_\_ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

*You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.*