

**RC Healthservices EMS Academy
Practical Skills Examination**

10 minute	INITIAL	
Time Limit	RETEST	

Traction Splinting

Name: _____ Date: _____
 Examiner: _____ Start Time: _____
 TDH# _____ Stop Time: _____

NOTE: Skills examination is for **ONE** candidate at a time, and **ONLY** for the candidate applying the splint.

1	Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	
2	Directs manual stabilization of injured leg	
3	Assesses distal pulse/perfusion, motor and sensory function	
4	Measures/adjusts splinting device	
5	Applies distal securing device (I.e. ankle hitch)	
6	Directs and applies manual traction	
7	Applies splint to injured leg	
8	Applies proximal strap (I.e. ischial strap)	
9	Applies and tightens mechanical traction device	
10	Positions and secures support straps	
11	Reevaluates proximal and distal securing devices	
12	Reassesses distal pulse/perfusion, motor and sensory function	
13	Verbalizes securing torso to long board to immobilize hip	
14	Verbalizes securing splint to long board to prevent movement	

Critical Criteria

- Fails to immobilize injury within 10 minute time limit _____
- Loss of traction at any point after it is assumed _____
- The foot is excessively rotated or extended after splinting _____
- Grossly moves injured extremity _____
- Does not secure ischial strap before taking traction _____
- Does not sufficiently immobilize femur or prevent leg rotation _____
- Does not assess distal circulation, motor and sensory before or after splinting _____
- Exerts pressure on fracture site, or over patella _____
- Commits any potentially detrimental errors _____

Examiner Signature _____

Pass	Fail
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Comments may be placed on back

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