

PULSE OXIMETER MONITORING

- T F 1. Verify physician's order.
- T F 2. Inspect the power cord (if applicable) and probe cable for frayed or exposed wires.
- T F 3. The patient knows why the procedure is being done so no patient teaching is necessary for this common monitoring procedure.
- T F 4. Instruct the patient to wash his/her hands with soap and water before placing the pulse oximeter.
- T F 5. Remove patient's nail polish, if used, and clean site with alcohol prep pad.
- T F 6. The left index finger is the only viable site for monitoring pulse oximetry.
- T F 7. Errors in pulse oximeter readings may result from improper probe placement, hypothermia, and low light transmissions.
- T F 8. Observe the pulse rate on the oximeter and correlate it with the manually measured rate.
- T F 9. Normal resting oxygen saturation is usually greater than 90%.
- T F 10. A non-disposable probe does not have to be disinfected because it is being used for the same patient each time.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Test scored by: _____

Score: _____

(Passing score above 80%)

If score below 80%, the nurse should not be allowed to perform this procedure and should review Agency's competency requirements. Retake the competency test. Results should be maintained in the nurse's personnel file.

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ANSWER SHEET**

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10. F

