

Administration of Oxygen by a Nonrebreather Mask

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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√	Performance Step(s)	Comment(s)
	Take BSI precautions.	
	Explain procedure to patient.	
	Ensure that the oxygen tank is full and that the pressure is within accepted limits.	
	Use the proper size non-rebreather mask for the patient.	<i>If the adult patient is very small, consider a pediatric cannula.</i>
	Attach the non-rebreather mask to the nipple of the oxygen regulator.	<i>Listen to the end of the cannula to ensure oxygen is flowing properly.</i>
	Set the flowmeter at 12 - 15 liters per minute or at the rate specified by medical direction.	
	If the mask has a reservoir bag, allow the bag to fill completely.	<i>You can accomplish this by placing your finger on the inside of the mask and covering the one-way valve at the exhaust port.</i>
	Instruct the patient to breathe normally while the mask is in place.	
	Position the mask over patient's nose and mouth.	
	Slip the elastic strap over patient's head so that it rests above the patient's ear.	<i>Constant reassurance should be made available to reduce the claustrophobia associated with the mask. Consider having the patient hold the mask to their face, as this may reduce the claustrophobia.</i>
	Tighten the strap as needed.	
	Document use of a non-rebreather mask and the rate at which you delivered the oxygen.	