

Artificial Ventilation of a Stoma Breather

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

√	Performance Step(s)	Comment(s)
	Take BSI precautions.	
	Remove any items of clothing from the area of the stoma.	
	Clear the stoma of any obvious mucous plugs or secretions.	
	Leave the patient's head and neck in a neutral position.	
	Select a mask, most often a pediatric mask, that fits securely over the stoma and can be sealed against the neck.	
	Hold the mask seal with your hand, and ventilate the patient at the appropriate rate for his or her age.	
	Assess the effectiveness of ventilations. Watch the chest for chest rise and fall.	<i>Consider auscultation as soon as possible to ensure ventilations.</i>
	If no chest rise suspect a partial laryngectomy. Seal the nose and mouth with one gloved hand by placing the palm over the lips and pinching the nose between the third and fourth fingers. Repeat ventilations.	
	If unable to artificially ventilate through the stoma, consider sealing the stoma and ventilating through mouth/nose.	
	Document use and proper ventilations.	