# BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT

Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions 1
Checks responsiveness 1
Requests additional EMS assistance 1
Checks breathing and pulse simultaneously 1

**NOTE:** After checking responsiveness, then checking breathing and pulse for no more than 10 seconds, examiner informs candidate, “The patient is unresponsive, apneic and has a weak pulse of 60.”

Opens airway properly 1

**NOTE:** The examiner must now inform the candidate, “The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus.”
Prepares rigid suction catheter 1
Turns on power to suction device or retrieves manual suction device 1
Inserts rigid suction catheter without applying suction 1
Suctions the mouth and oropharynx 1

**NOTE:** The examiner must now inform the candidate, “The mouth and oropharynx are clear.”

Opens the airway manually 1
Inserts oropharyngeal airway 1

**NOTE:** The examiner must now inform the candidate, “No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct.”

*Ventilates the patient immediately using a BVM device unattached to oxygen [**Award this point if candidate elects to ventilate initially with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.]*

**NOTE:** The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.

Re-checks pulse for no more than 10 seconds 1
Attaches the BVM assembly [mask, bag, reservoir] to oxygen [15 L/minute] 1

Ventilates the patient adequately
- Proper volume to cause visible chest rise (1 point) 1
- Proper rate [10 – 12/minute (1 ventilation every 5 – 6 seconds)] (1 point) 2

**Note:** The examiner must now ask the candidate, “How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?”

CRITICAL CRITERIA

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