

## Checklist: Measuring a Temporal Artery Temperature

Measuring a Temporal Artery Temperature	Able to Perform	Unable to Perform
1. Perform hand hygiene and identify the patient according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Explain the procedure and provide privacy as appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Assemble equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Disposable gloves if there may be contact with blood or body fluids, open lesions, or wet linens (Use PPE according to Standard Precautions and transmission-based precautions)</li> <li>– Temporal artery thermometer               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Probe covers</li> <li>– Alcohol sponges or disinfectant wipes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Check the lens to make sure it is clean and intact.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Apply a clean probe cover, or wipe the probe with alcohol or a disinfectant wipe. Use probe covers and disinfect the thermometer according to manufacturer instructions and facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Ensure the forehead is dry and free of coverings before obtaining the temperature. Hold the thermometer as you would a pencil or pen. Gently press the probe (head) of the thermometer against the center of the forehead. Activate the thermometer with your thumb. Keep this button depressed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Slowly move the probe across the forehead to the hairline on one side of the head	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Push the hair back slightly with the opposite hand, if needed, and then lift the probe slightly. Quickly place the probe down just behind the ear lobe/mastoid on the neck. (Use the area in which perfume is usually applied.) Release the button and remove the thermometer. Note and remember the value on the digital display. The value should remain on the display for about 30 seconds before disappearing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Discard the disposable probe cover, or wipe the probe with an alcohol or disinfectant wipe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Record the temperature on your pad. Report abnormal temperature readings according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Perform hand hygiene after completing care.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>