

Checklist: Measuring an Axillary Temperature (Electronic Thermometer)

Measuring an Axillary Temperature (Electronic Thermometer)	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. Equipment needed: same as for oral temperature measurement using an electronic thermometer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Use gloves according to Standard Precautions and facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Cover the probe (blue) with a probe cover.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Wipe the axillary area dry and put the covered probe in place high in the center of the axilla. Avoid using the axillary site if the area is heavily perspiring, injured, or inaccessible. Keep the patient's arm close to the body. Hold the probe in place until the temperature shows on the digital display and the audible signal indicates that it has been recorded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Remove the thermometer probe. Discard the probe cover. Return the probe to its proper position.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Record the temperature on your pad. Report abnormal temperature readings according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Return the thermometer unit to the charger.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Perform hand hygiene after completing care.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>