

Skills Checklist: Measuring an Axillary Temperature

Nursing Assistant's Name:

Reviewer Name:

Procedure Steps	Performed	Performed, but needs improvement	Did not Perform
Carry out Initial Steps			
Feedback			
Equipment needed: same as for oral temperature measurement using an electronic thermometer			
Feedback			
Apply gloves if this is your facility's policy			
Feedback			
Cover the probe (blue) with a probe cover			
Feedback			
Wipe axillary area dry and put the covered probe in place. 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			
Feedback			
Remove the thermometer probe. Discard the probe cover. Return the probe to its proper position			
Feedback			
Record the temperature on your pad			
Feedback			
Return the thermometer unit to the charger			

Feedback			
Carry out last procedures			
Feedback			

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