

Skills Checklist: Measuring an Oral Temperature

Nursing Assistant's Name:

Reviewer Name:

Procedure Steps	Performed	Performed, but needs improvement	Did not Perform
Carry out Initial Steps			
Feedback			
Obtain an electronic thermometer, disposable probe covers, and gloves, if this is your facility policy. (Gloves are not necessary with an oral temperature using this type of thermometer. Know and follow your facility's policy.)			
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Ask the patient if they have had anything to eat or drink or has smoked within the past 15 minutes. If the answer is yes, wait 15 minutes before taking an oral temperature			
Feedback			
Cover the probe (blue) with a probe cover			
Feedback			
Insert the covered probe under the patient's tongue toward the side of the mouth			
Feedback			
Hold the probe in position. Ask the patient to close the mouth and breathe through the nose, do not use if res has on oxygen, combative, or unconscious			
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When an audible signal indicates that			

the temperature has been determined, remove the probe from the patient's mouth			
Feedback			
Discard the probe cover in the appropriate container (Figure 18-9B). Remove and discard gloves			
Feedback			
Return the probe to its proper position			
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Record the temperature on your pad			
Feedback			
Return the thermometer unit to the charger			
Feedback			
Carry out last procedures			
Feedback			

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