

### 15.) VITAL SIGNS: TAKE AND RECORD A CLIENT’S TEMPERATURE (USING A TOUCHLESS INFRARED THERMOMETER), RADIAL PULSE, AND RESPIRATIONS

	Knock on the door.	
	Perform hand hygiene. a. Cover all surfaces of hands with hand sanitizer. b. Rub your hands together until they are completely dry.	
	Explain the procedure to the client.	
	Correctly turn on the touchless infrared thermometer.	
	Point the thermometer at the client’s forehead.	
	Ensure that the thermometer does not touch the client’s skin.	
	Read the thermometer screen and record the client’s temperature on the recording form.	
	<b>The candidate’s recorded temperature must be within 0.1 degrees of the RN Test Observer’s recorded temperature.</b>	
	Locate the client’s radial pulse by placing the tips of the fingers on the thumb side of the client's wrist.	
	Count the client’s pulse for 60 seconds.	
	Record the client’s pulse count on the recording form.	
	<b>The candidate’s recorded pulse count must be within four beats of the RN Test Observer’s recorded pulse count.</b>	
	Count the client’s respirations for 60 seconds.	
	Record the client’s respiration count on the recording form.	
	<b>The candidate’s recorded respiration count must be within 2 breaths of the RN Test Observer’s recorded respiration count.</b>	
	Maintain respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.	
	Leave the call light or signaling device within easy reach of the client.	
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