

Respiratory Care clinical competencies

Name:	Role: Band 5/6/7
Base:	Date initial training completed:

Competency Statement:

The participant demonstrates clinical knowledge and skill in respiratory care without assistance and/or direct supervision (level 3 - see level descriptors). Assessment in practice must be by a Registered Health Care Professional who can demonstrate competence at level 4 or above.

Performance Criteria	Assessment Method	Level achieved	Date	Assessor/self assessed
The Participant will be able to:				
1. Demonstrate the knowledge and skill in respiratory care				
a) Identify the gross anatomy of lungs and airways	Questioning			
b) Describe the mechanism of breathing and transport of oxygen in the blood	Questioning			
c) Demonstrate knowledge of causes of airway obstruction	Questioning			
d) Demonstrate knowledge of the principles of respiratory assessment and normal and abnormal respiration	Questioning			
e) Demonstrate knowledge of the principles of pulmonary rehabilitation	Questioning			
2. Demonstrate ability to perform a respiratory assessment				
a) Demonstrate ability to perform accurate respiratory assessment	Observation			
b) Demonstrate the procedure of chest auscultation	Observation			
3. Demonstrate ability to provide chest physiotherapy / pulmonary rehabilitation				
a) Demonstrate ability to teach patients Active Cycle of Breathing Technique (ACBT)	Observation			
b) Demonstrate understanding of the techniques to overcome breathing difficulties including positioning	Observation / questioning			
c) Demonstrate ability to perform percussion	Observation			

Date all elements of Competency Tool completed to level 3 _____

Name _____ Signature _____ Status _____ Date _____

I confirm that I have assessed the above named individual and can verify that he/she demonstrates competency in respiratory care

Assessor _____ Signature _____ Status _____ Date _____

Review Dates:	Competent Yes / No	Registered Nurse Signature	Verifier signature	Comments