

National EMS Education Standard Competencies (1 of 3)

Preparatory

Applies fundamental knowledge of the emergency medical services (EMS) system, safety/well-being of the emergency medical technician (EMT), medical/legal and ethical issues to the provision of emergency care.

National EMS Education Standard Competencies (2 of 3)

Anatomy and Physiology

Applies fundamental knowledge of the anatomy and function of all human systems to the practice of EMS.

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Pathophysiology

Applies fundamental knowledge of the pathophysiology of respiration and perfusion to patient assessment and management.

Introduction

- A working knowledge of anatomy is important.
- Knowledge of anatomy helps to communicate correct information:
 - To professionals, who know medical terms
 - To others, who may not understand medical terms

Topographic Anatomy

Superficial landmarks

- Serve as guides to structures that lie beneath them
- Topographic anatomy applies to a body in the *anatomic position*.
 - Patient stands facing you, arms at side, palms forward.

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Planes of the Body (1 of 2)

Imaginary straight lines that divide the body

- Three main areas
- Coronal plane: front/back
- Transverse (axial) plane: top/bottom
- Sagittal (lateral) plane: left/right

Planes of the Body (2 of 2)



Directional Terms (1 of 2)

Important when discussing injury location or pain radiation. Examples include:

- Anterior (ventral)
- Posterior (dorsal)
- Right, left (patient's right or left)
- Superior (closest to head)
- Inferior (closest to feet)





Movement Terms (

- Flexion is the bending of a joint.
- Extension is the straightening of a joint.
- Adduction is motion toward the midline.
- Abduction is motion away from the midline.

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Other Directional Terms (Note: Note: No





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The Lower Extremity (1

- Main parts are thigh, leg, foot.
- Upper leg: femur (thigh bone)
 - Longest bone in body, femur connects into acetabulum (pelvic girdle) by ball-and-socket joint.
 - Greater and lesser trochanter are where major muscles of thigh connect to femur.

The Lower Extremity (2 of 4) Knee connects upper leg to lower leg Kneecap (patella) Lower Leg Tibia (shin bone) Anterior of leg Fibula Lateral side of leg

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The Musculoskeletal System: Physiology

- Contraction and relaxation of system make it possible to move and manipulate environment.
- A byproduct of this movement is heat.
 - When you get cold, you shiver (shake muscles) to produce heat.





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Upper Airway (2 of 3)

Upper airway includes (cont'd)

- Pharynx
 - Nasopharynx
 - Oropharynx
- Laryngopharynx
 - Larynx is anterior
 - Esophagus is posterior

Upper Airway (3 of 3)

- Upper airway (cont'd) - Epiglottis
 - Prevents food and liquid from entering trachea

Lower Airway

- Larynx is the dividing line between upper and lower airway.
 - Adam's apple/thyroid cartilage is anterior.
- Cricoid cartilage/cricoid ring forms lowest portion of larynx.
- Trachea (windpipe)
 - Ends at carina, dividing into right and left
 - bronchi leading to bronchioles

Lungs (1 of 2)

- The two lungs are held in place by:
 - Trachea
 - Arteries and veins
 - Pulmonary ligaments
- Divided into two lobes
- Bronchi and bronchioles end with alveoli.
 - · Alveoli allow for gas exchange.

















Physiology (5 of 7)

- Respiration (cont'd)
 - Medulla initiates ventilation cycles.
 - Dorsal respiratory group (DRG)
 Initiates inspiration
 - Ventral respiratory group (VRG)
 - Provides forced inspiration or expiration when needed

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Characteristics of Norma Breathing (1 of 2)

- Normal rate and depth (tidal volume)
- Regular rhythm or pattern of inhalation and exhalation
- Good audible breath sounds on both sides of chest

Characteristics of Norma Breathing (2 of 2) Regular rise and fall movement on both sides of the chest Movement of the abdomen

Inadequate Breathing Patterns in Adults

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- Labored breathing
- Muscle retractions
- Pale, cyanotic, cool, damp skin
- Tripod position
- Agonal respirations (gasping breaths)

The Circulatory System: Anatomy (1 of 2)_

Complex arrangement of connected tubes

- Arteries, arterioles, capillaries, venules, veins
- Two circuits
 - Systemic circulation—body
 - Pulmonary circulation—lungs



The Heart (1 of 7)



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- Hollow muscular organ the size of an adult's clenched fist
- Made of specialized cardiac muscle (myocardium)
- Works as two paired pumps
 - Septum divides right and left sides.



The Heart (3 of 7)

Circulation

- Heart receives its blood from aorta.
- Right side receives blood from veins.
- Left side receives blood from lungs.





The Heart (6 of 7)

- Normal resting heart rate (HR) is 60 to 100 beats/min.
- Stroke volume (SV)
 Amount of blood moved by one beat
- Cardiac output (CO)
 - Amount of blood moved in 1 minute
 - HR × SV = CO

The Heart (7 of 7)

- In 1 minute, body's entire blood volume (5 to 6 L) is circulated through all the vessels.
- Electrical conduction network
 - Causes smooth, coordinated contractions
 - Contractions produce pumping action

Arteries (1 of 4)

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- Arteries carry blood from heart to all body tissues.
 - Branch into arterioles
 - Arterioles branch into capillaries
- Pulse is created by blood pumping out of left ventricle into major arteries.

Arteries (2 of 4)

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Major arteries

- Aorta (heart)
- Pulmonary (right ventricle)
- Carotid (neck)
- Femoral (thigh)
- Posterior tibial (lower leg)
- Dorsalis pedis (foot)





Capillaries

- Connect arterioles to venules
- · Fine end divisions of arterial system
- Allow contact between blood and cells
- · Billions of capillaries in body

Veins

- Return oxygen-depleted blood to the heart
- Superior vena cava carries blood returning from head, neck, shoulders, upper extremities.
- Inferior vena cava carries blood from abdomen, pelvis, lower extremities.
- Join at right atrium

Spleen Solid organ located under rib cage Filters blood Sparticularly susceptible to injury from blunt trauma Can lead to severe internal bleeding

Blood Composition

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- Plasma
- Red blood cells (erythrocytes)
- White blood cells (leukocytes)
- Platelets

The Circulatory System for MEXAL SET Physiology (1 of 2)

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- Blood pressure is pressure blood exerts against walls of arteries.
- When left ventricle of heart contracts, it pumps blood from ventricle into aorta.
 - Called systole

The Circulatory System of Methods Physiology (2 of 2)

When muscle of ventricle relaxes, ventricle fills with blood.

- Called diastole
- Blood pressure readings
 - Systolic blood pressure (high point of wave)
 - Diastolic blood pressure (low point of wave)

Normal Circulation in Actures (1 of 2)

- Automatically adjusted and controlled
- Perfusion is circulation of blood in organ or tissue in adequate amounts to meet the needs of cells.



Normal Circulation in Adults

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• Blood enters organs and tissues through arteries.

• Blood leaves organs and tissues through veins.

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The Function of Blo

- Fighting infection
- Transporting oxygen
- Transporting carbon dioxide
- Controlling pH
- Transporting wastes and nutrients
- Clotting (coagulation)

Nervous System Control of the Cardiovascular System 1 of a

- Sympathetic nervous system is responsible for fight-or-flight response.
 - Sends commands to adrenal glands
 - Epinephrine and norepinephrine are secreted to stimulate heart and blood vessels.

Nervous System Control of the Cardiovascular System (2 of 2)

- Blood vessels have alpha-adrenergic receptors.
- Heart and lungs have beta-adrenergic receptors.
- Parasympathetic nervous system also has effects on cardiovascular system.

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 Addresses actions that do not require immediate response

The Nervous System: Anatomy and Physiology (1 of 2)

- The nervous system is perhaps the most complex organ in body
- · Consists of:
 - Brain
 - Spinal cord

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Peripheral Nervous System (2 of 3)

- Somatic nervous system
 - Transmits signals from brain to voluntary muscles (allows for walking, talking)
- Autonomic nervous system
 - Involuntary actions (digestion, dilation)
 - Split into two areas
 - Sympathetic nervous system (fight-or-flight)

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Parasympathetic nervous system (slows body)



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The integumentary System (Skin): Anatomy (1 of 2)

Two layers

- Epidermis (superficial)
- Dermis (deeper)
- Below the skin lies subcutaneous tissue.
 - Fat that insulates and serves as energy reservoir



The integumentary System (Skin): Physiology

- Skin is the largest single organ
- Three major functions
 - Protect the body in the environment
 - Regulate body temperature
 - Transmit information from environment to brain

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The Digestive System: Anatomy (4 of 4)

Liver

- Small intestine
- Large intestine
- Appendix
- Rectum



The Endocrine System: Anatomy and Physiology (1 of 2)

- Complex message and control system
- Integrates many body functions
- Hormones are released directly into bloodstream.

- Examples: epinephrine, norepinephrine, insulin

The Endocrine System: Anatomy and Physiology (2 of 2)



The endocrine system controls release of hormones in the body.

The Urinary System: Anatomy and Physiology (1 of 2)

- Controls fluid balance in the body
- Filters and eliminates wastes
- · Controls pH balance











Life Support Chain

- All cells in body require oxygen, nutrients, and removal of waste.
- Circulatory system is the carrier of these supplies and wastes.

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If interference occurs, cells become damaged and die.

Life Support Chain (2.

- Adenosine triphosphate (ATP)
 - Involved in energy metabolismUsed to store energy
- Aerobic metabolism uses oxygen.
- Cells switch to anaerobic metabolism when oxygen is limited.
 - Lactic acid is damaging waste product.

Life Support Chain

- Movement of oxygen, waste, nutrients occurs by diffusion.
- pH is critical to diffusion.
- Measure of acidity or alkalinity
- Body spends large amount of energy to maintain normal pH.

Pathophysiology

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- The study of functional changes that occur when body reacts to disease
- Respiratory compromise can lead to:
 - Shock
 - Alteration of cellular metabolism

Summary (1 of 9)

- Understand human anatomy and physiology so you can assess the patient's condition and communicate with others.
- Know superficial landmarks of the body and what lies underneath the skin.

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Summary (2 of 9)

- Bones, ligaments, tendons, and cartilage give the body its recognizable human form.
- The skeletal system provides protection for organs, allows for movement, and gives the body its shape.

Summary (3 of 9).

- The contraction and relaxation of the musculoskeletal system gives the body its ability to move.
- The respiratory system includes the nose, mouth, throat, larynx, trachea, bronchi, and bronchioles.

Summary (4 of 9)

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- The function of the respiratory system is to provide the body with oxygen and eliminate carbon dioxide.
- The circulatory system is a complex arrangement of connected tubes, including arteries, arterioles, capillaries, venules, and veins.

Summary (5 of 9)

- The nervous system is the most complex organ system within the human body. It consists of the brain, spinal cord, and nerves.
- The skin is divided into two parts: the superficial epidermis and the deeper dermis.

Summary (6 of 9)

- The skin is the largest single organ in the body.
- The skin serves three major functions: to protect the body in the environment, to regulate the temperature of the body, and to transmit information from the environment to the brain.

Summary (7 of 9)

The digestive system is composed of the gastrointestinal tract (stomach and intestines), mouth, salivary glands, pharynx, esophagus, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, rectum, and anus.

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Summary (8 of 9)

- The endocrine system is a complex message and control system that integrates many body functions.
- The urinary system controls the discharge of certain waste materials filtered from the blood by the kidneys.

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Review

Answer: C

Rationale: The kidneys lie in the retroperitoneal space—the space behind the abdominal cavity. The spleen, liver, and stomach are all located within the anterior (true) abdomen.





Answer: D

Rationale: The xiphoid process projects from the lower part of the sternum. It is made of cartilage, and, relative to other parts of the sternum (eg, manubrium, angle of Louis), is soft to palpation.

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Review

Answer: B

Rationale: The term bilateral refers to both sides of the body with reference to the midline. Therefore, bilateral femur fractures would indicate that both femurs are fractured.

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 A person with bilateral femur fractures has
 A fractured one of his or her femus. Bationale: Bilateral means two.
 fractured both of his or her femus. Bationale: Correct answer
 one femur fractured in two places. Rationale: A bilateral fracture is one fracture that occurs in two bones.
 fractured the lateral aspect of the femur. Bationale: This means that the outside portion of the femur is broken.

- 4. The MOST prominent landmark on the anterior surface of the neck is the:
 - A. mastoid process.
 - B. cricoid cartilage.
 - C. thyroid cartilage.
 - D. cricothyroid membrane.

Review

Answer: C

Rationale: The thyroid cartilage, commonly referred to as the "Adam's Apple," is the most prominent landmark on the anterior (front) surface of the neck. The cricoid cartilage is located directly inferior to (below) the thyroid cartilage; it is a less prominent landmark.

Review (1 of 2) 4. The MOST prominent landmark on the anterior surface of the neck is the: A. mastoid process. Batiopale: This is the prominent honey mass at

Rationale: This is the prominent boney mass at the base of the skull.

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B. cricoid cartilage. Rationale: This is the firm ridge of cartilage inferior (below) to the thyroid cartilage.

Review (2 of 2) 4. The MOST prominent landmark on the anterior surface of the neck is the: C. thyroid cartilage. Rationale: Correct answer D. cricothyroid membrane. Rationale: This is the thin sheet of connective tissue that joins the thyroid cartilage and the cricoid cartilage.

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Review

Answer: B

Rationale: The pancreas is a solid organ that produces both insulin and digestive juices. Insulin is produced in the islets of Langerhans, which are a part of the pancreas.







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Answer: B

Rationale: The normal resting heart rate for an adult is 60 to 100 beats/min. Bradycardia exists when the adult heart rate is less than 60 beats/min, and tachycardia exists when it is greater than 100 beats/min.

- 7. The normal resting adult heart rate is: A. 50 to 70 beats/min.
 - Rationale: Less than 60 beats/min is bradycardia. B. 60 to 100 beats/min.
 - Rationale: Correct answer
 - C. 80 to 110 beats/min. Rationale: Normal is more than 100 beats/min.
 - D. 110 to 120 beats/min. Rationale: More than 100 beats/min is tachycardia.





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Review (2 of 2)

- 8. The left atrium of the heart receives blood from the
 - C. oxygenated, body Rationale: No part of the heart receives oxygenated blood from the body. It only receives oxygenated blood from the lungs.
 - D. deoxygenated, lungs Rationale: The right atrium and right ventricle are the only parts of the heart that receive deoxygenated blood from the body.

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Answer: A

Rationale: The three major parts of the brain are the cerebrum, the brain stem, and the cerebellum. The largest part of the brain is the cerebrum, which is sometimes called the "grey matter," The cerebellum—sometimes called the "athletes brain"—is the smallest part of the brain. The brain stem is responsible for vital functions such as heart rate, breathing, and blood pressure. The foramen magnum is the large opening at the base of the skull through which the spinal cord passes.

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Review

9. The largest part of the brain is the:

R

- cerebrum. Rationale: Correct answer
- brain stem.
- Rationale: The bottom portion of the brain is responsible for vital functions, heart rate, breathing, and blood pressure.
- C. cerebellum.
 Rationale: This is the smallest part of brain. It is sometimes called the athlete's brain.
 D. foramen magnum.
 - **Rationale:** This is the large opening at the base of the skull through which the spinal cord passes.

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Review Answer: C Rationale: The hemoglobin molecules in red blood cells contain iron, give color to the blood, and carry oxygen. White blood cells play a role in helping the body to fight infection.

Review

10. Which of the following statements about red blood cells is FALSE?

. They contain iron. Rationale: This is true. Hemoglobin found in red blood cells carries iron.

- B. They carry oxygen. Rationale: This is true. Hemoglobin found in red blood cells carries oxygen.
- C. They help to fight infection. Rationale: Correct answer
- D. They give color to the blood. Rationale: This is true. Hemoglobin found in red blood cells gives blood color.

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