



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians  
Advanced Level Practical Examination**

**SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SEATED PATIENT)**

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Time Start:</b> _____	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs assistant to place/maintain head in the neutral, in-line position	1	
Directs assistant to maintain manual immobilization of the head	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
Applies appropriately sized extrication collar	1	
Positions the immobilization device behind the patient	1	
Secures the device to the patient's torso	1	
Evaluates torso fixation and adjusts as necessary	1	
Evaluates and pads behind the patient's head as necessary	1	
Secures the patient's head to the device	1	
Verbalizes moving the patient to a long backboard	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
<b>Time End:</b> _____	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

**CRITICAL CRITERIA**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not immediately direct or take manual immobilization of the head
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not properly apply appropriately sized cervical collar before ordering release of manual immobilization
- \_\_\_\_\_ Released or ordered release of manual immobilization before it was maintained mechanically
- \_\_\_\_\_ Manipulated or moved patient excessively causing potential spinal compromise
- \_\_\_\_\_ Head immobilized to the device **before** device sufficiently secured to torso
- \_\_\_\_\_ Device moves excessively up, down, left, or right on the patient's torso
- \_\_\_\_\_ Head immobilization allows for excessive movement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Torso fixation inhibits chest rise, resulting in respiratory compromise
- \_\_\_\_\_ Upon completion of immobilization, head is not in a neutral, in-line position
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did not reassess motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity after voicing immobilization to the long backboard

***You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.***