Abstract

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Eagle Medical Trainees
Pharmaceutical Care Lab #4 - Clinical Skills

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Station #1 - Measuring vital signs – collecting objective information:
- You and your partner will measure vital signs on each other
- Measure Blood pressure using the automatic cuff and the manual method
- Measure Temperature using the otic thermometer
- Inspect Tympanic membranes using otoscope
- Measure Respiratory Rate by observing the number of breaths/minute
- Measure Pulse Rate by palpating the radial pulse – beats/minute
- Document this information on your SOAP report

Station #2 - Measuring blood glucose and A1C – collecting objective information:
- Earlier today, we tested your patient’s A1C level – this information gives us an average of a patient’s blood sugar (blood glucose) over a 2 to 3 month period
- Your patient’s A1C today is ________
- Measure your patient’s glucose level – we will be using control solutions and glucometers to collect this information.
- Document this information on your SOAP report

Station #3 - Counseling – Providing information to your patient
You and your partner will take turns playing the role of the patient and pharmacist

Your patient is needing to refill a medication for diabetes type II
Using the 3 Prime Questions, and drug information paper, you will talk to your patient about the refill.