



# Skill Checklist: Pulse Oximetry

Pulse Oximetry Checklist	
<b>Step 1:</b>	Explain the procedure to the patient.
<b>Step 2:</b>	Turn on the pulse oximeter.
<b>Step 3:</b>	Ensure there is sufficient perfusion to the patient's fingers and manage all variables such as nail polish, poor perfusion, jewelry, etc.
<b>Step 4:</b>	Apply the pulse oximeter to the patient's fingertip.
<b>Step 5:</b>	Assess the patient's pulse manually, and compare this number to the pulse oximeter's reading to ensure that the device is calibrated and capturing properly.
<b>Step 6:</b>	Administer/adjust O <sub>2</sub> as needed, and document the SpO <sub>2</sub> reading on your patient care report (PCR).

Skill demonstrated successfully?

- YES  
 NO

Comments:

Instructor signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

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